I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Arterberry

- Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Hawkins
- Roll Call: Chairman Arterberry; Commissioner Barsh; Commissioner Briant, Commissioner Hawkins; Commissioner Siva

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At this time, the general public is invited to address the Planning Commission concerning any items that are not listed on the agenda, which are not public hearings or other items under the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission. Comments from the public of any non-agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes in accordance with City policy.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Note: All items listed on the Consent Calendar may be enacted by a single motion without separate discussion. If a discussion or a separate vote on any item is desired by a Planning Commissioner, that item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. All remaining items not removed from the Consent Calendar by a Planning Commissioner shall be voted on prior to discussion of the item(s) requested to be pulled.

There are no items at this time.
IV. PUBLIC HEARING

1. PARDEE HOMES - FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 11-2501, ZONE CHANGE NO. 11-3501, BUTTERFIELD SPECIFIC PLAN, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, (AMENDMENT TO DEUTSCH SPECIFIC PLAN)

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Order of Procedure:
1. Request staff report / Questions of staff
2. Open public hearing
3. Close public hearing
4. Planning Commission discussion / Questions of staff
5. Motion and Second
6. Discussion on motion
7. Call the question (Roll call vote)

Recommendation:

That the Planning Commission take the following actions:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-02 recommending approval to the City Council the adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations, Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report, adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Butterfield Specific Plan;

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-03 recommending approval to the City Council the approval of General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501 and Zone Change No. 11-3501 to update the City of Banning General Plan Land Use and Zoning Overlay Map and designate the project site from “Deutsch Specific Plan” to “Butterfield Specific Plan”;

3. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-04 recommending approval to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance amending the current Deutsch Specific Plan by repealing its zoning regulations and replacing the Specific Plan with Butterfield Specific Plan and subject to Conditions of Approval;

4. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-05 recommending approval to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance approving the Development Agreement for the Butterfield Specific Plan.

V. PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

1. City Council Actions from previous meetings on Planning-Related Items
2. April meeting – appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman – all members need to be present
3. Appointment of Commissioner Siva by City Council
4. Retirement of Gini Sorenson on April 5th

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The City of Banning Planning Commission is hereby adjourned to the regular Planning Commission meeting of April 4, 2012 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Planning Department (951) 922-3125. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting [28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA title II]
CITY OF BANNING
Planning Commission Staff Report

DATE: March 7, 2012

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Zai Abu Bakar, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: PARDEE HOMES - FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 11-2501, ZONE CHANGE NO. 11-3501, BUTTERFIELD SPECIFIC PLAN, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Planning Commission:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-02 recommending approval to the City Council the adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations and CEQA Findings of Fact, certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report, approval of a Water Supply Assessment, adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Butterfield Specific Plan for the Project;

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-03 recommending approval to the City Council the approval of General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501 and Zone Change No. 11-3501 to update the City of Banning General Plan Land Use and Zoning Overlay Map and designate the project site from “Deutsch Specific Plan” to “Butterfield Specific Plan”;

3. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-04 recommending approval to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance rescinding the current Deutsch Specific Plan zoning regulations which will be superseded by the Specific Plan with Butterfield Specific Plan and subject to Conditions of Approval;

4. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-05 recommending approval to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance rescinding the Development Agreement for the Deutsch Specific Plan and superseding it with the Development Agreement for the Butterfield Specific Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Pardee Homes proposes to develop a 1,543-acre property that is located at the northeast corner of Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street with a mixed-use master planned community.
Pardee owns 1,522 acres and the 21-acre property that is located on the northwest corner of the project site is land that is in the County of Riverside. The 1,522-acre property currently has an approved Specific Plan called “Deutsch Specific Plan”. The Deutsch Specific Plan was approved for the development of 5,400 homes, a golf course, commercial sites, parks, and open space, and various infrastructures to serve the development with the exception of the 21-acre property. The 21-acre property is outside of the City limits and currently is part of the golf course that is owned by the Highland Springs Country Club Owners Association. The developer proposes to add this 21-acre property into the Specific Plan (subject to future annexation proceedings by the City) as it is in the planning area of the City of Banning and bears direct relation to land use planning and traffic circulation per the Banning General Plan. This annexation is not currently being pursued by the owners of the 21-acre property.

The Deutsch Specific Plan was approved nearly 26 years ago. The Chronology of the Deutsch and the proposed Butterfield Specific Plans are listed below.

**Deutsch Specific Plan**

- April 18, 1985: City Council certified the Final EIR for the Specific Plan.
- June 25, 1985: City Council approved a General Plan Amendment, Specific Plan, Zoning and Pre-Zoning for the Deutsch Property.
- Specific Plan Amendment No. 1992-03 was filed to amend and enlarge the Specific Plan; City Council certified a new EIR on October 26, 1993 and adopted the amended Specific Plan on November 9, 1993 by Ordinance No. 1133.
- A majority of the Specific Plan area was annexed to the City of Banning in 1985. The remainder was annexed to the City in 1995.
- The Banning General Plan and Zoning Map designated the subject site as an approved Specific Plan site.
- In 2000 Pardee acquired the Deutsch Specific Plan and project from the Deutsch Corporation.

**Proposed Butterfield Specific Plan**

2007 Notice of Preparation for the amendment to the previously approved Deutsch Specific Plan was issued and superseded it with the Butterfield Specific Plan.

2007 City acquires the 4.21-acre site within the Specific Plan for an electrical substation.
2007 Since 2007 staff has been working with the developer to prepare a comprehensive land use plan for the development of the Butterfield Specific Plan and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, Traffic Circulation, and Water Supply Assessment for the project.

2008 City approves conveyance maps subdividing the property into 20 lots for financing purposes only. No construction was approved with the conveyance map.

2011 Joint Study Session with the Planning Commission and City Council on June 7th. The meeting was conducted to present information and provide opportunity for the City Council and Planning Commission to ask questions relative to the project.

Pardee Homes has revised the land use plan for the Deutsch Specific Plan to be more in keeping with the natural features of the land, reflect better engineering feasibility and market conditions, as well as to comply with current land use and environmental regulations. To reflect this update, Pardee Homes is renaming the Deutsch Specific Plan to the Butterfield Specific Plan. The Butterfield land plan as proposed at build-out could consist of 5,387 homes (937.4 acres) along with a potential 18-hole golf course (253.9 acres); pocket, neighborhood, and community parks (66.5 acres); natural open space/trails (108.4 acres); two elementary school sites – one each for the Banning and Beaumont Unified School Districts; a 1.6-acre fire station, an existing utility sub-station (4.2 acres); and backbone roadways (113.6 acres). The project also includes the construction of major on-site and off-site infrastructure, including but not limited to various off-site conveyance pipelines, a multi-purpose recharge/storage/detention basin, drainage improvement to Smith Creek immediately upstream and downstream of the Project site; on-site drainage improvements and groundwater recharge basins, on-site and off-site road improvements, other related infrastructure, and water storage tanks and detention basins. Each of the neighborhoods within the Specific Plan provides two points of access for fire/public safety personnel during an emergency as the land plan has been reviewed by the Fire Department.

Significant efforts were made as part of the project analysis to determine the infrastructure needs for the development including water, sewer, drainage facilities, and roadways. The City has updated studies for the current Master Plan for sewer and water facilities and the City’s Public Works Department has updated these plans in conjunction with the project. As a proactive effort, the City’s Public Works Department is also working with the developer to improve traffic and circulation on Highland Springs Avenue in the area around Ramsey Street, Joshua Palmer, and the I-10 Freeway.

**DEVELOPER’S REQUEST**

The developer is requesting approvals of the following entitlements for the project:

1. General Plan Amendment and a Zone Change to change the General Plan Land Use and Zoning Overlay Map and label the land use and zoning designation for the property as “Butterfield Specific Plan.”
General Plan Amendment (No. 11-2501) and Zone Change (No. 11-3501) as proposed would amend the text in the General Plan that would allow the City’s General Plan Land Use and Zoning Overlay Map to show a zoning designation as “Specific Plan” for a property that has an approved Specific Plan without displaying the underlying land uses. In addition, the General Plan amendment and Zone Change would replace the Zoning for the project site from Deutsch Specific Plan to the Butterfield Specific Plan.

2. An amendment to the Deutsch Specific Plan and supersed it Butterfield Specific Plan.

The amendment is required to replace the existing Zoning regulations (maps and text) from the Deutsch Specific Plan and supersed it with the Butterfield Specific Plan to ensure that future development of the property complies with the Zoning regulations of the Butterfield Specific Plan.

3. Approval of an amendment to an existing Development Agreement.

The developer is requesting approval of an amendment to the existing Development Agreement for the Deutsch Specific Plan for a vested right to develop the project in the future consistent with the superseded Butterfield Specific Plan Development Agreement in exchange for public benefits to the City.

4. Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) – State Clearinghouse No. 2007091149), approval of Water Supply Assessment and adoption of CEQA findings of fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting program for the project.

The EIR is required to be prepared per Section 21065 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for any projects or activities which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The purpose of the EIR is to provide disclosure to decision makers and the public with specific information regarding the environmental effects associated with the Project, identify ways to minimize the significant effects of the Project, describe reasonable alternatives to the Project, and disclose the project impacts that cannot be mitigated. The proposed approvals constitute a project under CEQA and an EIR is required to be prepared and certified prior to project approval.

Projects with Multiple Applications

The developer is processing four (4) entitlement applications for the Butterfield master planned community. Per Section 17.44.020 of the Banning Zoning Code, projects that have multiple applications that are processed concurrently must be reviewed and decided by the highest level of review authority. The City Council is the highest review authority for the EIR, General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, Specific Plan, and Development Agreement. The Planning Commission’s role is to review these applications and provide its recommendation to the City Council.
PROJECT INFORMATION:

The following provides project information relative to the Butterfield Specific Plan.

**Project Location**
- The site is approximately 1,543 acres and located in the northwestern corner of the City of Banning. Of this acreage, 1,522 acres is owned by Pardee. The remaining 21 acres are owned by the Highland Springs Country Club Owners Association. The 21-acre site is located outside of the City of Banning’s city limits and is not within the City’s Sphere of Influence; however, the property is within the Banning General Plan Planning Area. At this time, the 21-acre property is not proposed to be annexed to the City as it is being shown as part of the Specific Plan for future land use planning only. Annexation of the property, if at some point sought, will require coordination among the County of Riverside, the Highland Springs Country Club Owners Association, and the City of Beaumont.

- The site transitions from relatively flatland at the northeast corner of Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street to the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains.

- Major access to the site is provided by Highland Springs Avenue, Wilson Street, and Highland Home Road.

**Surrounding Land Uses**

**North of the Project Site:** The Highland Springs golf course fairways and vacant land.

**East of the Project Site:** The foothills, existing single-family homes, vacant home sites which were previously approved for Fiesta development and existing single-family homes on the east side of Highland Home Road.

**South of the Project Site:** Existing single-family homes, apartments, health care facility, and San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital

**West:** The Sundance Specific Plan which is located on the west side of Highland Springs Avenue in the City of Beaumont

**Project Objectives**

The Butterfield Specific Plan objectives are as follows:

- **To Develop a Master Planned Community:** Design and implement the development of a creatively-designed master planned community that expresses and embodies the City’s vision of its future as articulated in the fundamental land use principles, policies, and objectives of the City’s General Plan;
To Update the Deutsch Specific Plan: Update and restate the prior approved 1993 Deutsch Property Specific Plan based on current and projected market conditions while maintaining the Plan’s underlying concept of comprehensive and cohesive development planning that allows for the appropriate physical and economic development of the property;

To Provide a Quality, Livable Community: Provide a quality, livable community through the implementation of a Specific Plan that will ensure a consistent quality of design, allow for the provision and maintenance of community amenities, and create a collection of cohesive, well-defined neighborhoods that provide residents with a clear sense of place and identity within the diverse fabric of the larger community;

To Provide a Wide Range of Housing Opportunities: Provide a range of high quality housing opportunities by developing a diverse range of housing types available at a variety of price points, responsive to market demand, varying lifestyles, and the developing economic profile of the community;

To Promote Sustainability: Promote the concept of sustainable community development by implementing green building practices in the selection of construction materials, the recycling of construction waste, and the use of energy and water efficient building practices;

To Incorporate Water and Energy Efficiency: Incorporate energy and water efficient design and technology into the homes, commercial buildings, and landscape of the Butterfield development;

To Conserve Water Resources: Conserve water resources and reduce demand for potable water within the Specific Plan area by maximizing the use of recycled water wherever appropriate, including the potential development of on-site recycled water treatment capacity, if needed;

To Increase Employment Opportunities: Increase local job opportunities through the approximate 30 year build out;

To Provide Ease of Navigation within and out of the Community: Create a community that is easy to navigate through careful use of landscape, signage, and entry design based on the Specific Plan’s design objectives;

To Provide Recreational Amenities: Provide recreational amenities which will serve the needs of neighborhood residents and others in the City of Banning as well as nearby communities;

To Provide Safe and Efficient Circulation: Provide a safe and efficient roadway network, linking all internal elements of the planned community with the surrounding area;

To Encourage Use of Alternative Transportation: Encourage alternative transportation choices through the creation of a walkable community with well-defined pedestrian linkages
between neighborhoods, amenities, schools, and commercial uses, the provision of bike paths, the creation of LSV/NEV linkages, and the development of multi-purpose trails;

- **To Promote Community Security:** Promote community security and safety through appropriate outdoor lighting, the incorporation of “defensible space” concepts in the design of multifamily developments, and by encouraging community involvement through the area’s master homeowners association;

- **To Address Drainage and Water Quality Issues:** Provide adequate drainage, flood control and water quality improvements, which satisfy applicable local, state and federal criteria while respecting and enhancing/preserving natural drainage functions and features;

- **To Ensure Provision of Public Services:** Ensure provision of adequate public services, utilities, and infrastructure in a timely manner as development occurs; and

- **To Provide Adequate Sites for School Facilities:** Ensure provision of adequate education facilities within the planned community, pursuant to applicable school district and state requirements.

These project objectives are accomplished in the Specific Plan which is attached to this report under a separate cover.

**Proposed Land Use and Project Elements**

The proposed land use and project elements include the following:

- 1,543-acre mixed-use community that includes residential, commercial, potential golf course, parks and open space, two elementary school sites, a site for a fire station, a site for ground water recharge, a site for a potential satellite waste water treatment plant, electric utility substation, and sites for water reservoirs.

- A total of up to 5,387 residential units are proposed to be allowed within approximately 938 acres of the project site.

- The majority of the development is single-family detached homes.

- The density for the project is divided into four (4) categories as follows:
  - Low Density Residential Single-Family (Density of 2-5 units per acre) - Lot sizes range from a minimum of 5,000 square feet to a minimum average of 7,500 square feet in some planning areas to a minimum average of over 10,000 square feet in northern planning areas.
  - Medium Density Residential Single-Family – Conventional (Density 5-10 units per acre) - Lot sizes range from a minimum of 3,400 square feet to a minimum average of 7,200 square feet. Low Density Residential may be developed in the MDR planning areas.
- Medium Density Residential Single-Family - Cluster Development (Density 5-10 units per acre) - Lot areas ranging in minimum size from 2,000 to 2,800 square feet potentially as detached condominium units. Low Density Residential may be developed in the MDR planning areas.

- High Density Residential Attached (Density 10-18 units per acre) - Townhomes or other types of attached dwellings are allowed for potential development in three (3) of the Specific Plan planning areas. Low Density Residential and Medium Density Residential uses may also be developed within the HDR planning areas.

- Age-Restricted Active Adult Residential Alternative is also proposed should there be a need for this type of development in the future. This development would occur along the North Loop Collector and would be gated. Streets within the gate will be private streets.

- There are two commercial sites totaling 36 acres (PA 17 – 13 acres and PA 18 – 23 acres). The 13-acre site is located on the south side of Street B, which is a road connection to Oak Valley Parkway in the City of Beaumont. The 23-acre commercial site is located at the corner of Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street.

- The combined acreage for parks, golf course, and open space totals approximately 428 acres (27% of Specific Plan area) a significant increase from the previously approved Deutsch Specific Plan of 268 acres.

- Two elementary school sites (23 acres) are proposed – one for Banning Unified School District (PA 68) and the other for Beaumont Unified School District (PA 20). The boundary between the two school districts is Highland Home Road.

- The overall Butterfield Specific Plan density of 3.5 DU/AC is the same as the previous Deutsch Plan.

- A proposed Fire Station site of 1.6 acres is located at the northeast corner of the Specific Plan. The Specific Plan allows the fire station site to be located in most Planning Areas to ensure the flexibility for a regional fire station which is currently under discussion between the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, and Calimesa.

- Smith Creek would be preserved in a realigned open channel in a natural like condition that enhances habitat vegetation.

- The edge of the foothills to the east and steeper elevations in the north will be preserved as natural open space.

- There will be a trail connection that provides access to existing trail systems subject to use agreement with the trail owners.
The Specific Plan also allows for an alternative open space and recreation area to the golf course in the event it is not economically viable.

Table 1 below shows the Land Use distribution for the project.

Table 1 – Butterfield Specific Plan Land Use Table

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¹ Alternate Residential use of School sites at up to 10 DU/AC is provided.
² Alternate Residential use or mixed use of the Commercial sites is provided for with PA 17 at up to 4.5 DU/AC (LDR) and PA 18 at up to 10 DU/AC (MDR). The overall DU total for the Specific Plan shall not exceed 5,387 DU. In addition, Commercial use is allowed as an alternate use for all or a portion of Residential PAs 3, 4 and 5 (51.4 acres combined), and Park PAs 26 and 27 (0.9 acres combined).
³ The Specific Plan allows for cluster development and Active Adult residential within certain Planning Areas, as described in detail within the Specific Plan (Section 3.1.1.3, Residential).

Amenities

- **Golf Course**: The proposed 18-hole golf course acts as a central open space which runs through the Specific Plan, in addition to trails, realigned and enhanced Smith Creek, and flood control and water quality improvements. The total area is 292 acres. Alternatively, this same area amount could be natural open space and hiking and walking trails rather than the golf course should development of the golf course be infeasible due to market conditions. The alternative will be developed in Phase I of the project.
- **Improved Parks:** A total of 66.5 acres of improved parks are provided within the development. The park sites are distributed throughout the Specific Plan for use by the residents of the community. The park sites include the site for the community centers for the use of the residents within the project. Additionally, community parks are also proposed within the development for use by the public at-large.

- **Natural Open Space and Trails:** The 70-acres of natural open space are provided on the north and northeast edges of the Specific Plan with potential trail connections to adjoining areas.

- **Trails within the Project:** Trails as well as walkways are provided along major interior streets (South Loop, North Loop and “F” Street collectors).

- **Bike Lanes and Neighborhood Electric Vehicles:** Joint bike and low speed electric vehicles (neighborhood electric vehicles) use lanes on all major collector streets within the Specific Plan area. Low speed electric vehicle access, as well as pedestrian and bike access, will be provided between all planning areas in the Specific Plan, including residential, parks, schools and commercial.

- **Parkway and Median Landscaping:** Broad landscaped parkways between 20-30 feet wide are provided along major streets within the Specific Plan, including A, B, C, D, E and F Streets, South and North Loop Streets, and Highland Springs Avenue, as well as landscaped medians where appropriate on Wilson Street.

- **Fire Station and Public Community Center Sites:** The Specific Plan allows for a fire station site and a public community center site. The community center site will be provided with a finished grade and utilities stub out and readily available when the City has funds to build the center.

Section 4.1 through 4.3.75, pages 4-1 through 4-78 of the Butterfield Specific Plan dated November 21, 2011 provides development design guidelines for the open space/parks plan, trail head, entry concept and gated community concept.

**Proposed Infrastructure:**

**Circulation**

Circulation plan and road improvements required in the vicinity of the project include:

- **Arterial Highway:** Highland Springs Avenue is the perimeter roadway to the Specific Plan and provides a north-south connection between the project site and the I-10 freeway. Highland Springs Avenue fronting the project site will be improved to two lanes in the City of Banning with a landscape median. As a perimeter roadway to the Specific Plan, access to Highland Springs Avenue is limited to three connections at “A”, “B”, and “F” streets.

- **Major Highway (Modified):** Wilson Street will be widened and a raised landscape median will be provided where appropriate from Highland Springs Avenue to “C” street. For this
segment of Wilson Street, bike lanes will be provided. Between “C” Street and Highland Home Road, there will be a raised landscaped median or painted median with considerations given to the existing driveways and future roadways that outlet onto Wilson Street. Within this stretch of Wilson Street, bike lanes will be provided on the north side of Wilson.

- **Major Highway:** Highland Home Road will be extended northerly through the Specific Plan and, if approved by the County of Riverside, connect to either Brookside Avenue or Cherry Valley Boulevard.

- **Divided Collector Streets:** These are six project entry streets into the various neighborhoods and connect to the major roadways surrounding the project site. There are three entry streets that connect to Highland Springs (“A”, “B”, and “F” Streets); one entry street (“C” Street) on Wilson Street, and two (“F” Street and North Loop Road) on Highland Home Road.

- **Local Streets:** Local streets are provided within the development to serve the neighborhoods.

- **Private Streets:** The Specific Plan provides for private street options for the active adults residential development.

- **Non-Vehicular Circulation:** This includes:
  - On-Street Bike Lanes/Golf Carts/Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Lanes
  - Trails/Pathways
  - Sidewalks
  - Combination of Meandering Sidewalk and Meandering Trails

**Parks**

- Parks that are provided within the development range from 0.4 acres to 16.4 acres. These parks are distributed throughout the community to provide access to the adjoining neighborhoods within the Specific Plan. The parks include Neighborhood Mini Parks, Neighborhood Recreation Parks, and Community Parks. The developer will provide fully improved parks with each phase of the development.

- Mid-sized parks (approximately 3-4 acres) are designated as Neighborhood Recreation Parks and provide specialized facilities such as community swimming pools, buildings for meetings or community functions, restroom facilities, and on-site parking.

- Community Parks range in size from 9-16 acres and may include larger play fields and areas, ball fields and on-site parking. The community parks are provided in the Edison easement area which the underlying land is owned by the developer.

- The developer will also be providing a community center site of approximately 3 acres as part of the Development Agreement for the project. The site will be provided with a finished grade and utility stub-out.
Utilities

Potable Water Reservoirs and Pumps

- The project net potable water demand at build out is estimated at approximately 1,783 acre feet/year in 2045 with estimated future water conservation reductions (assuming the development of 5,387 dwelling units, in which PAs 17, 18, 20 and 68 are developed according to their primary development designation, commercial and schools).

- The Project potable water demand at build out without anticipated future water conservation reduction estimates factored in is 2,880 acre feet/year. This water demand was based only on recent actual historical water demand factors that the City has been experiencing without adjustments for future anticipated water conservation requirements based on more recent law enacted.

- To meet the potable water needs of the Project, three (3) above-ground steel potable water reservoirs with a total storage capacity of approximately 3.5 million gallons (mg), would be required to serve homes in the Project. These reservoirs would become part of the City’s existing lower Foothill West Pressure Zone, on-site Pressure Zone I, and on-site Pressure Zone II.

- The Specific Plan proposes the following reservoirs:
  - Approximate 1.6 mg Foothill West storage reservoir would be located on the east side of PA 50 at an elevation of approximately 2,790 feet average mean sea level (amsl). Alternatively, this storage tank could be buried under the playing fields of the PA 68 elementary school site in Banning;
  - Approximate 1.4 mg Zone I storage reservoir would be located in the east portion of PA 73 at minimum pad elevation of approximately 3,038 feet amsl;
  - Approximate 0.5 mg Zone II storage would be located in the east portion of PA 73, at minimum pad elevation of approximately 3,205 feet amsl;

- In addition to the potable water storage reservoirs, three potential pump stations and on-site water distribution pipelines would be constructed. The Project’s water distribution and storage system would connect to the City’s existing system at Highland Home Road and Wilson Street as well as at “C” Street and Wilson Street. In addition, the Specific Plan allows for three potential interconnections with the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) with the use of the existing joint Banning and BCVWD wells, through potential additional pump stations located along Highland Springs Avenue.

- Approximate potential tank and pump locations for potable water supply are indicated on Exhibit 3.8 the Butterfield Specific Plan as incorporated herein by reference, Conceptual Potable Water Plan, and are located onsite within the development area of the site.
Exhibit 3.10A depicts the proposed interconnection points between the proposed Banning system serving the Butterfield Specific Plan area and that of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD).

**Recycled Water for Irrigation and Sewer Facility**

- Sewer system and recycled water facilities are required to serve the development.

- The project will provide recycled water for irrigation of the golf course open space and non-residential land uses, if such use is approved to reduce demand for potable water. Recycled water must be available before the golf course is completed and open for play (Phase I).

- The City has completed plans for a 1.5 million gallon per day (mgd) upgrade (Phase I) of the main Wastewater Treatment Plant. The 1.5 mgd upgrade would provide treatment to tertiary standards, which would allow for the production of approximately 1,680 acre-ft/yr of recycled water. Pardee shall provide a connection from the project to the waste water treatment plant along existing right-of-ways.

- Project’s projected total irrigation water demand to serve the project’s common landscaped areas as well as the golf course is estimated at 1,321 acre feet/year net in 2045 at project build out.

- An additional option for generating recycled water for the project is to construct a satellite wastewater treatment plant on-site within the Butterfield Specific Plan area. The site is proposed at the northwest corner of Highland Home Road and Wilson Street.

- The City is also exploring a site on the south side of the I-10 and west of Sunset Avenue for a potential satellite treatment plant that would accommodate future development, including the Butterfield Project. If this facility is built prior to Butterfield, the developer has the option of constructing the facility or is required to pay their fair share for the cost of the development of the water reclamation treatment plant.

- The projected total average wastewater (sewer) flow generation is approximately 0.84 million gallons/day (mgd) for the development of 5,387 dwelling units, commercial development of 36 acres, and the two elementary schools. If the number of residential units is reduced or if a portion of the development is built with homes for active adults, the wastewater generation would be lower.

- Infrastructure required for wastewater collection in the Specific Plan area includes new off-site transmission pipelines for connection to the existing City’s wastewater treatment plant at 2242 Charles Street as one option. Exhibit 3.11A shows the proposed sewer lines serving the development. The developer would construct the off-site sewer transmission pipeline from Highland Home Road and Wilson Street intersection eastward along Wilson Street, south to Omar Street, and eastward on Ramsey Street to Sunset Avenue and connect to the existing sewer line off of Sunset Avenue. Exhibit 3.11B shows the off-site sewer plan.
Besides connection to the City’s water treatment facility, there are two options for providing sewer treatment for the project:

- Construction of a satellite treatment plant on a 3-acre site in Planning Area 11 (corner of Highland Home Road and Wilson Street). The plant would be constructed in a manner that the building design will blend with its surrounding. Additionally, landscaping to minimize view impact of the plant from public view shall be provided.

- The City is also exploring an option to construct a satellite waste water treatment facility within the area west of Sunset Avenue, east of the Sun Lakes’ master-planned community, and south of the I-10 Freeway. If the City moves forward with the construction of this facility, the developer will be required to pay its fair share cost of the construction costs of building the facility, or if the developer pays to constructs the entire off-site sewer treatment facility, the developer will be reimbursed for the construction costs of the additional capacity.

**Drainage and Groundwater Recharge**

- The project site lies in two (2) separate local watersheds. Approximately 79% (1,220 acres) of the site lies within Smith Creek and 21% (323 acres) of the site lies within Pershing Channel. The rain water flows to these drainage areas from north to south.

- A portion of the site is in the current flood; however, this will change with the planned drainage and grading improvements except the commercial site that is located at the northwest corner of the project site is presently located outside of the flood zone.

- To accommodate and transport surface water flows for the development, Smith Creek and Pershing Channel will be sized accordingly. The golf course will be integrated into the Smith Creek drainage system to help regulate the volume and velocity of surface water. Additionally, the golf course open space area will act as storage containment for groundwater recharge.

- A 36-acre drainage basin to detain upstream drainage flows will be constructed in the northern portion of the project site (Planning Area 71). This basin will detain flows during the 100-year flood events and release the storm water in a controlled manner. The basin contains three sub-parts – a desilting basin to desilt upstream flows, a weir which helps contain any accumulated materials, and a connected larger part of the basin that receives storm water overflow from the desilting basin.

- In addition, there will be water quality treatment facilities consisting of vegetated detention basins in the golf course and other open space areas and may be in residential areas.

- In addition, storm drain systems will be constructed to intercept water from the development that flows onto the street system.
Natural Gas

Southern California Gas Company provides natural gas services to the project site and the City as a whole. The developer will construct the gas lines and connect to the transmission line to provide natural gas services to its development.

Electric

The City of Banning Electric Utility Department provides electric services to its customers in the City. Currently, the City has a 4.2-acre electric utility sub-station site within the Project, which will provide future power to the development. The developer will be required to provide electric utility lines to serve the development. These lines are required to be placed underground.

Telephone

Verizon currently provides land line telephone services to the project site. The developer will be required to install telephone lines within the development. Future residents will select their own provider for cellular/mobile phone services.

Cable Television

Time Warner Cable currently provides cable television services citywide. The developer is responsible for providing cable lines to serve the development.

Other Public Utilities and Services

Other public utilities and services will be required to serve the development. These include fire, police, school, library, water, trash, transit and health services.

Fire Services

The City contracts with the County of Riverside for fire services. The City is currently in discussion with the surrounding communities to provide regional fire services. To accommodate a future fire station, the project has designated a 1.6-acre site in the northeastern portion of the Specific Plan. However, an alternative fire station site can be accommodated in most other areas of the Specific Plan. Should a site for a regional fire station be necessary in the future, the Specific Plan provides flexibility for an alternate fire station site to be located within the Project.

Police Services

The City provides police services. To serve this development, the developer is required to pay a special service tax for polices services.
Schools

The project is serviced by the Banning and Beaumont Unified School Districts. The dividing line for the school district is Highland Home Road. Two elementary school sites of 11 acres each is provided in Planning Areas 20 (Beaumont Unified School District) and 68 (Banning Unified School District).

Library

The project site is located within the Banning Library District. The development is required to pay their fair share costs of impacts to the Banning Library District if the Library District adopts a library district mitigation fee.

Health Services

San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital provides health services to the City of Banning residents including emergency medical care services. Residents within the project area will be required to pay for their per capita share of the bond to construct the expansion of the hospital facility.

Trash

The City contracts with Waste Management to provide trash pick-up and disposal. Waste Management will provide trash services within the project area.

Transit

The Banning Pass Transit provides transit services for Banning residents and the surrounding community. The developer will provide bus stops at strategic locations within the development as required by Pass Transit.

FINANCING MECHANISM FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- The project will be financed by the developer and community facilities districts (CFD) including special services districts for police and fire services and landscape maintenance district.

- The CFD is/are designed to finance major infrastructure such as major streets to include Highland Springs Avenue, Wilson Street, Highland Home Road, sewer and water facilities.

- The Homeowners Association will maintain the facilities that will not be dedicated to the City which include private streets, private recreation centers, and open space areas that are private.
DEVELOPMENT DESIGN GUIDELINES

- Section 4.0, page 4-1, of the Butterfield Specific Plan provides detailed design guidelines for the entire development. The design Guidelines are intended to create an attractive and cohesive community identity through detail direction for the physical design of the Butterfield Specific Plan.

- The Guidelines address design hierarchies at three different levels: community, neighborhood, and building.

- Community wide design guidelines apply to the entire Specific Plan and are intended to provide a strong sense of community identity through the use of consistent design details and entries, guidelines for pedestrian walking trails and connectivity as well as landscaping, walls, and fences throughout the project area. These guidelines also include a design theme for the community features and facilities such as streetscapes, bicycle and neighborhood electric vehicle connectivity. Sections 4.1 through 4.4.9, pages 4-1 through 4-84 of the Butterfield Specific Plan, provides detailed design guidelines for the development of the project.

- Neighborhood level design guidelines, including commercial and residential, address the design for different neighborhoods within the Specific Plan area which also include guidelines for architectural, landscaping, walls and fences as well as pedestrian connectivity, bicycle, and neighborhood electric vehicles connectivity. Sections 4.5 through 4.7.4, pages 4-84 through 4-87 provide details on neighborhood design guidelines.

- Building level design guidelines provide criteria for architectural theme, design, colors, and materials for the buildings. There are nine (9) architectural styles proposed for the single-family homes, which include California Ranch, Butterfield Americana, Western Farmhouse, California Craftsman, Butterfield Cottage, Southwest Prairie, Santa Barbara, Napa, and Monterey. Sections 4.8 through 4.13.9, pages 4-99 through 4-139 provide detail information on building level design guidelines.

DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

- Section 5.0 through 5.8.1, pages 5-1 through 5-38 of the Butterfield Specific Plan provides details on development regulations for each of the land use districts.

- Each of the land use districts identified permitted, conditional, and prohibited uses and development standards that regulate the placement and intensity of the uses on each specific site. This includes building setbacks, height, parking, and landscaping.
DEVELOPMENT PHASING

The development phasing as indicated in the Butterfield Specific Plan in Section 3.7.2 and Exhibit 3.15, pages 3-99 through 3-103 does not require that the project be developed in any specific order but, instead, are illustrative of how the Project may be developed. The phasing and timing requirements for the construction of all public improvements shall be in accordance with the Master Phasing Plan and the developed pursuant to the superseded Development Agreement for Butterfield Specific Plan. Although the overall timing of Project development remains subject to the Developer’s discretion based on market conditions, there is a logical sequence to the development and certain improvements are required to be complete before phases of the Project can be considered complete and ready for occupancy. The Master Phasing Plan will contain the following elements:

a. **Project Phases.** The Developer must achieve certain goals and objectives in terms of Project development. The development of the Project will be reviewed at each Ten Year Anniversary Review. The Development Goals are as follows:

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<th>Phase I (10th Anniversary)</th>
<th>Development will begin near the corner of Highland Springs and Wilson unless otherwise agreed.</th>
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<td>▪ 1,200 Residential Units to be constructed.</td>
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<td>▪ Commercial retail development of a minimum 23-acre retail-commercial site at the corner of Highland Springs and Wilson (Planning Area 18).</td>
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<td>▪ Outlet for Smith Creek and other commercial, recreation and/or emergency center improvements.</td>
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<th>1,600 residential units to be constructed.</th>
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<td>1,400 residential units to be constructed.</td>
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Within each Phase, as defined above, more detailed phasing plans for each subdivision shall be developed in accordance with Section 6.5 of the Development Agreement, and are subject to the City’s review and approval as conditions of approval of the Tract or Subdivision Map and, as approved, shall become a part of the Existing Approvals.

b. **Development of Phasing Plans During Subdivision Map Approvals.** The phasing and timing requirements for the construction of all development including public improvements shall generally be in accordance with the Development Approvals and applicable provisions of the Development Agreement (For example, Sections 6.2, 6.4, 6.5, 7.3, 8.0, etc.) and be developed over time in accordance with the following process:
i. **Master Phase Tract Map.** Each Phase shall have a Master Tract Map which shall be submitted for financing and conveyance purposes only and no improvements may be constructed nor shall development be permitted pursuant to such approved Tract Map except through submission and approval of tentative and final Subdivision Maps. Concurrently with processing of the Master Tract Map, all tentative Subdivision Maps for the Tract shall be submitted and processed.

ii. **Subdivision Maps.** Each Master Tract Map shall designate future subdivisions within the Tract and the order of subdivision development to the extent that the need for development of public infrastructure dictates the logical progression of subdivision development. Each Subdivision Map shall show all infrastructure necessary for the development of the Subdivision. Each subdivision will have a written Phasing Plan approved by the Director and the City Engineer prior to commencement of development of the subdivision specifying when the lots within the subdivision will be developed and when all public infrastructure within the subdivision will be constructed. Generally all streets, lighting, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, parkway landscaping, asphalt concrete paving, traffic signs and stripping, medians, landscaping, drainage facilities, storm drains, water lines, sewer lines, utility lines, trails and other facilities within the subdivision must be completed before release of any occupancy permits within the subdivision. All conditions which require the provision of Backbone Infrastructure and Subdivision Improvements for the area covered by each tentative Subdivision Map must be satisfied, either through performance or through the provision of suitable security, prior to the approval and recordation of the Subdivision Map.

iii. **Backbone Infrastructure.** Attached as Exhibit “A” of the Development Agreement (as referenced herein) is a list of Backbone Infrastructure, including roadways, detention basins, water lines, sewer lines, recycle water lines, utilities, storm drains and drainage facilities, treatment plants, power substations, community parks, community centers, fire stations, and other infrastructure serving area-wide populations. Backbone Infrastructure serves multiple subdivisions, and may need to be constructed in the initial phase of a particular Tract, or even before certain Tracts can be developed. The detailed phasing of construction will be provided through the Master Tract and Subdivision Phasing Plans. Exhibit “A” outlines the Backbone Infrastructure and when in the development of various Tracts it must be constructed.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT:**

- An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required to be prepared per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the Public Resources Code Section 12000 et seq.

- When the developer filed an application for the project in 2007, the City identified that an EIR was required for the project because the physical conditions of the site and the environmental regulations have changed since the Deutsch Specific Plan was approved.
While the EIR follows the Deutsch Specific Plan, it is a stand-alone document analyzing all potential impacts of the project.

- Per Section 15083 of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and prior to completing the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the City held an early consultation regarding the issue areas to be considered in the EIR. The City released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Draft EIR on September 27, 2007. The City published the Notice of Preparation (NOP) in the Record Gazette and on the City’s website. The City also mailed the NOP to residents who are located within 300’ of the project site and to members of the public, organizations/groups, public agencies and persons who have requested to be on the mailing lists. The NOP was also sent to the State Clearinghouse for review by State and Trustee agencies.

- As part of early consultation, the City held three (3) public scoping meetings. Two (2) scoping meetings were held on October 16, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Another scoping meeting was held on October 22, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The NOP comment period closed on October 29, 2007 following a State-mandated 30-day public review period.

- Since 2007 the developer has been working with City staff and the environmental consultants to revise the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan and prepare the Draft EIR.

- An EIR (SCH No. 2007091149) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program were prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the City of Banning Environmental Review Guidelines. Consistent with Section 15086 of CEQA, the City published the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIR and it was made available for a 45-day public review period from June 6, 2011 to July 21, 2011. The NOA was published in the Press Enterprise and the City’s website. The City also mailed the NOA to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to State Agencies. Also, the City mailed the NOA to the residents, who live within 300’ radius of the project boundaries, groups and organizations, and members of the public who requested to be on the mailing list of the project.

- Prior to the close of the comment period, the City held a public workshop on June 21, 2011 to provide information and answer questions from interested members of the public regarding the project and the Draft EIR.

- During the public workshop of June 21, 2011, the City received questions and comments mostly on traffic, among other questions about the project. In response to the oral comments on traffic, the City held another workshop on July 14, 2011 to respond to questions from members of the public regarding the traffic analysis report and conclusions.

- Prior to the close of the comment period on the DEIR, the City received approximately 31 comment letters from members of the public, public agencies, groups/organizations, and persons who requested to be a part of the mailing list of the project.
Consistent with Section 15088 of CEQA, the City evaluated the responses received and responded to written comments received from members of the public, public agencies, groups/organizations, and persons who requested to be a part of the mailing list of the project and prepared written responses which are culminated in a Final EIR for the project and as referenced herein. The Final EIR was made available for public review on Friday, February 24, 2012. The Final EIR was made available at City Hall Community Development Counter, the Banning Public Library, and the City’s website.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE AREAS ANALYZED IN THE DEIR

The draft DEIR reviewed all phases of the project including short-term and long-term impacts and analyzed impacts in 14 environmental issue areas including:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Climate Change
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Geology/Soils/Seismicity
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Noise
- Public Services and Utilities
- Transportation/Traffic
- Water Supply

Water Supply Assessment

Water Code Section 10911(b) requires that an EIR for certain projects must include an assessment of the availability of the public water system to serve the project. CEQA Section 15155 requires that a project that falls within the definition of a “water demand project” or 500 residential units must demonstrate that it has secured a supply of potable water sufficient to support the demands of the Project prior to obtaining any discretionary approvals required for its implementation. The Butterfield Specific Plan meets the definition of a “water demand project” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15155.

A Water Supply Assessment (WSA) as referenced herein was prepared for the Project and is consistent with the 2010 City of Banning Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) which was adopted by the City Council on June 28, 2011. The adopted UWMP specifically identified the Butterfield Specific Plan as planned for development.

The WSA for the Butterfield Specific Plan analyzed the project water demand for the build-out of the project which is 35 years in five year increments, which exceeds the 20 year period
required by State law. The WSA analyzed the City’s existing and future water supplies, and the reliability of those supplies under a variety of hydrologic circumstances, and compared them to the water demand at project build out, in addition to the City’s existing and planned future uses. The analysis took into account the various conservation measures that are being implemented in the project, as well as throughout the City, and the various hydrologic conditions – period of drought, normal years, and multiple dry years. As detailed in the Water Supply Assessment and made a part of the project’s Draft EIR, there is adequate water supply for the projected water demand associated with the project, in addition to the City’s existing and planned future uses.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE AREAS DETERMINED TO BE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT OR LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED

In compliance with CEQA and the Guidelines for CEQA the DEIR determined the following issue areas to be less than significant, or less than significant with mitigation incorporated, as a result of Project implementation:

▪ Agricultural Resources
▪ Biological Resources
▪ Cultural Resources
▪ Geology Soils and Seismicity
▪ Hazards and Hazardous Materials
▪ Hydrology and Water Quality
▪ Land Use and Planning
▪ Public Services and Utilities
▪ Water Supply

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE AREAS DETERMINED TO BE SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE

CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.2 requires that issue areas that were deemed significant must be analyzed in detail in the Draft EIR. The following significant environmental impacts of the project were found to be unavoidable:

Aesthetics, Light and Glare
Due to the size of the proposed Project and the current context of rural, undeveloped conditions, the Project’s impact on light and glare is considered significant and unavoidable (although typical of any large-scale residential development, and mitigated to the extent feasible).

Air Quality
Construction-Related Emissions: As Project-related emissions are anticipated to exceed SCAQMD thresholds, construction-related emissions are considered significant and unavoidable.

Regional Operational Emission: During the operational phase, the Project would result in a net increase in regional emissions of ROG, NOX, SO2, CO, PM10, and PM2.5 from the operation of both stationary and mobile sources. Despite the inclusion of numerous project design features
that would reduce the potential air quality impacts to the degree feasible, emissions would remain above SCAQMD significance thresholds. Therefore, operation of the proposed Project would have a significant and unavoidable impact on regional air quality.

**Air Quality Management Plan Consistency:** As the Project would exceed SCAQMD thresholds, the Project would potentially result in a long-term impact on the region’s ability to meet State and Federal air quality Standards. The Project would conflict with the AQMP as it would not meet the first AQMP consistency criterion for construction related emissions. However, the proposed Specific Plan is generally consistent with the City of Banning General Plan’s assumptions regarding population and housing growth. Therefore, on a regional scale, the emissions from the Specific Plan have been considered in the forecasts presented in the 2007 AQMP. The Project would meet the second AQMP consistency criterion.

**Traffic and Circulation**
Construction of the recommended improvements, when and where needed, would achieve applicable level-of-service performance at all study area intersections; however, as some improvements could also result in significant impacts to existing land uses (due to Project right-of-way requirements), certain improvements may either be made in part, deferred or not implemented due to overriding considerations and/or limited funding. Further, many of the recommended improvements are located in jurisdictions outside the City of Banning. Most of these improvements have been, can be and should be implemented by those other agencies, but successfully completing the improvements in a timely fashion cannot be guaranteed.

**CUMULATIVE IMPACTS**

**Aesthetics, Light and Glare**
The Project will introduce significant sources of light and glare into an existing rural, undeveloped area and result in a significant and unavoidable adverse impact on nighttime views of the Project site in the interim and long-term build-out condition. Mitigation measures can reduce these impacts but would not reduce them to a level of insignificance due to the nature, size, and scale of the proposed project and its cumulative significance.

**Air Quality**
Emissions from development and operation of the proposed Project would exceed the SCAQMD thresholds, resulting in a significant impact. In accordance with SCAQMD methodology, any project that cannot be mitigated to a level of less than significant is also significant on a cumulative basis.

**Climate Change**
Although the Project has incorporated reasonable and feasible mitigation measures, the Project’s incremental contribution to global climate change can be considered “significant” on a cumulatively considerable basis. Although implementation of these mitigation measures would reduce the proposed Project’s greenhouse gas emissions, such project-specific mitigation may not be feasibly imposed upon cumulative projects.
Noise

As the project cannot reasonably or feasibly mitigate for cumulative mobile noise impacts (e.g., constructing sound walls on private property adjacent to sensitive uses surrounding the project site; forcing existing residential uses to change their existing windows; etc.), implementation of the proposed Project would result in a significant and unavoidable impact for cumulative mobile noise impacts as both the combined and incremental effects criteria have been exceeded.

Traffic and Circulation

As stated above under the Project impacts related to traffic and circulation, construction of the recommended improvements, when and where needed, would achieve applicable level-of-service performance at all study area intersections; however, as some improvements could also result in significant impacts to existing land uses (due to cumulative right-of-way requirements), certain improvements may either be made in part, deferred or not implemented due to overriding considerations and/or limited funding. Further, many of the recommended improvements are located in jurisdictions outside the City of Banning. Most of these improvements have been, can be and should be implemented by those other agencies, but successfully completing the improvements in a timely fashion cannot be guaranteed.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYZED

Potential environmental impacts of four (4) separate alternatives were compared in the EIR to impacts from the proposed Project. These alternatives were selected based upon their ability to avoid or substantially lessen the significant effects of the proposed Project, while still achieving the primary Project objectives (to develop the site in a manner generally consistent with the currently approved Deutsch Specific Plan). The Project alternatives selected were:

- No Project/Existing Specific Plan Alternative
- Reduced Density – 20% Reduction Alternative
- Active Adult Community Alternative
- No Golf Course Alternative

No Project/Existing Specific Plan Alternative

Under the No Project alternative, the site will remain vacant and undeveloped and the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan will not occur. Any future development of the site is subject to the provisions contained within the currently approved Deutsch Specific Plan.

The existing Deutsch Property Specific Plan provides for a total of 5,400 dwelling units (with a net density of 3.5 du/ac), three elementary schools, a 193-acre 18-hole championship golf course, a 10-acre community center, a 10-acre commercial site, a 5-acre medical/office site, two community parks and three neighborhood parks (totaling approximately 75 acres of parks). The Deutsch Property Specific Plan includes a higher maximum number of dwelling units than the proposed Project (5,387 dwelling units) and an equivalent gross density (3.5 du/ac). Additionally, this alternative would have a slightly larger impact area (1,552 acres) than the
proposed Project (1,543 acres). A detailed comparison of the currently approved Deutsch Specific Plan with the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan is provided in Section 3.6.1 and Table 3.0-3 of this Draft EIR, and in Section 1.4 of the Draft Butterfield Specific Plan.

**Reduced Density (20% Reduction) Alternative**

The purpose of the Reduced Density Alternative is to reduce impacts from the Project related to the number of units developed and the intensity of commercial development. Under this alternative, the total number of residential dwelling units would be reduced from 5,387 to 4,318, representing a reduction of 1,069 units, or approximately 20%. In addition, it is anticipated that commercial square footage would be reduced by 20% under this alternative. This alternative assumes the development of 4,318 residential units in the same Planning Areas proposed with the Project. Under this alternative, the average residential density would be reduced from 3.5 du/ac to 2.8 du/ac.

**Active Adult Land Use Plan Alternative**

This alternative assumes that the Planning Areas 40-49 and 53-59 located in the northwestern part of the Specific Plan would be designated as exclusively age restricted, “active adult” homes (assumed to be 1,700 DU). Refer to Exhibit X, Land Use Plan, to locate these Planning Areas within the Project site. A total of 5,387 DU would still be constructed with this alternative. These age-restricted planning areas would take access off the North Loop Collector Road. Under an age-restricted, “active adult” homes scenario, the North Loop Road could be proposed as a gated, access-controlled private roadway. All other aspects of this alternative would be similar to the proposed Project.

**No Golf Course Alternative**

This alternative assumes that development of the golf course in Planning Areas 35 and 39 would not occur. This alternative assumes that other types of open space and recreational uses would be permitted as alternatives in the event the golf course is not developed due to market conditions or other considerations. These alternative uses include various combinations of parks, trails, native habitat, drainage facilities, water quality improvements, groundwater recharge areas, and wetland mitigation areas.

**Fiscal Impact Analysis**

A Fiscal Impact Analysis for the project was prepared by Willdan Financial Services. The purpose of the fiscal impact analysis was to determine the project impacts on general city services. The Analysis concludes that the project would generate negative impacts on general city services for police and fire services. To mitigate the fiscal impact, the project is required to create a special services tax in the amount of $115 per year for single-family and $ 92 for multiple-family unit.

**PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERATION**
For the Planning Commission to recommend approval to the City Council to certify the Final EIR and approve the General Plan Amendment, the Zone Change, the Butterfield Specific Plan, and the Development Agreement, staff has identified the following key questions which are the core of the actions before the Commission. The responses to the questions below are provided in detail in the Planning Commission resolutions (attached).

- Do you feel that the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change merits approval and you can recommend approval to the City Council?

The General Plan Amendment and Zone Change may be adopted by the City Council if the following findings are made.

a. That the proposed amendment is internally consistent with the General Plan.

b. That the proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience or welfare of the City.

c. The proposed amendment would maintain the appropriate balance of land uses within the City; and

d. That in the case of an amendment to the General Plan Land Use Map, the subject parcel(s) is physically suitable (including, but not limited to access, provision of utilities, compatibility with adjoining land uses, and absence of physical constraints, for the requested land use designations and the anticipated land use development.

The developer is requesting a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change for two reasons:

1. To amend the text in the General Plan that would allow the City’s General Plan Land Use and Zoning Overlay Map to show a zoning designation as “Specific Plan” for a property that has an approved Specific Plan without displaying the underlying land uses. The Specific Plan would provide the land use plan for the property consistent with the General Plan.

2. To replace the current Zoning for the project site from Deutsch Specific Plan to the Butterfield Specific Plan so that the future development regulations and design of the project site will be implemented consistent with the Butterfield Specific Plan.

The following provides Staff’s analysis of the projects and the facts supporting the findings for items a through d. The details of the finding of facts are included in Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-03.

a. The current General Plan Land Use and Zoning Overlay Map shows the project site as Deutsch Specific Plan, including depictions of its underlying land uses. The developer proposes a new Specific Plan called “Butterfield Specific Plan”, which would amend the existing land use and zoning regulations for future development of the property that
would include the development of up to 5,387 dwelling units (937.4 acres of residential), a golf course and open space (253.9 acres), parks (66.5 acres) and other open space (108.4 acres), two school sites (23.0 acres), and existing utilities substation facility (4.2 acres), a potential fire station site (1.6 acres) and backbone roadways (113.6 acres). The project also includes the construction of major on-site and off-site infrastructure, including, but not limited to: various on-site and off-site street improvements to provide access to and from the project site; various on-site and off-site conveyance pipelines for sewer, water, storm drain; a multi-purpose detention basin, and drainage improvements to Pershing Channel and Smith Creek immediately upstream and downstream of the 1,543-acre project site to accommodate the mixed-use master planned community. The proposed Butterfield Specific Plan is partially consistent with the General Plan as it is a “Specific Plan.”

To make the Butterfield Specific Plan consistent with the General Plan, the Applicant is requesting that the text of the General Plan be amended as indicated in Exhibit “A” of Resolution No. 2012-03 to: (1) allow the City’s General Plan Land Use and Zoning Overlay Map to depict any approved Specific Plans, including Butterfield Specific Plan with text only and not depicting the underlying land use maps; and, (2) replace the existing Zoning for the project site from Deutsch Specific Plan to the Butterfield Specific Plan (dated November 21, 2011) as referenced herein.

The City of Banning has reviewed the proposed General Plan Amendment (No. 11-2501) and Zone Change (No. 11-3501), including detailed regulations contained within the Butterfield Specific Plan for internal consistency within all of the General Plan elements’ text, diagrams, and maps and have concluded that the proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change will not create any conflicts among the various General Plan elements goals, policies, and objectives, including the maps and diagrams of all the elements in the General Plan. The General Plan Amendment does not change any existing land use designations at the site under the existing Deutsch Specific Plan. Specifically, Section 7.0 of the Butterfield Specific Plan dated November 21, 2011 and as referenced herein describes the Butterfield Specific Plan and the projects consistency with the goals and policies set forth in the City of Banning General Plan.

b. The proposed General Plan Amendment (No. 11-2501) and Zone Change (No. 11-3501) when approved will designate the General Plan and Zoning Overlay Map for the project site with the Butterfield Specific Plan as referenced herein. The Butterfield Specific Plan has been prepared in accordance with Chapter 17.96 of the Banning Zoning Code and Government Code Sections 65451 and 65452 in that the Butterfield Specific Plan provides detailed zoning regulations with regard to future development of the project site to be consistent with the vision, goals, and objectives for the aesthetics, design, and infrastructure needs for a master-planned community.

Based on staff’s analysis of the State law and facts provided in the staff report and the Butterfield Specific Plan as referenced herein, the Specific Plan has been prepared in compliance with the State law. Specifically, the Butterfield Specific Plan provides for the following to address compliance with State law and the Banning Zoning Code.
(1) Section 1.0, pages 1-1 to 1-17 includes maps and diagrams for the distribution, location, and extent of the uses of land, including open space. In addition, the text accompanies the maps and diagrams providing detail information as to the specific plan land uses, their location, and intensity/density of the uses. Sections 3.0 through 3.1.2, pages 3-1 through 3-16 of the Specific Plan provide detailed development plans for each of the land uses. Detail information of the distribution, location, and extent of the parks and open space development is provided in Section 3.6 through 3.6.6, pages 3-85 through 3-98.

(2) Section 3.2 through 3.5.5, pages 3-17 through 3.84 provide detail information via text and diagrams/maps showing distribution location, and extent and intensity of major components of public and private transportation, sewage, water, drainage, solid waste disposal, energy, and other essential facilities proposed to be located within the area covered by the plan and needed to support the land uses described in the plan. Other public services and essential facilities for the project including schools, fire and police protection, library, cable, gas, and health services are provided in Section 3.7.1 on pages 2-97 through 3-99.

(3) Standards and criteria by which the development will proceed, and standards for the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources where applicable are provided in the following sections:

a. Section 3.7.2, pages 3-99 through 3-105 provide phasing for each development  
b. Sections 4.1 through 4.13.9, pages 4-1 through 4-139 provide detail development design guidelines for the community, neighborhood, and individual buildings and how they are to be developed.  
c. Sections 5.0 through 5.8.1 provide specific detailed development regulations for each of the land use districts and how they are to be developed.

(4) Section 6.0 through 6.2.2, pages 6-1 through 6-4 provide detailed information on the administration and implementation of the Butterfield Specific Plan that includes regulations, programs, public works projects, and financing measures necessary to carry out items (1), (2), and (3). The financing measures include Community Facility District which is described in detail in Section 3.7.3 on page 3-105.

In addition to the Specific Plan regulations described above, the City Engineer and the Banning Fire Department also reviewed the access to and from the project site connecting to the surrounding communities, including emergency access to within each of the neighborhoods for emergency vehicles. It was determined that regular access and emergency access have been deemed adequately provided. A site for a fire station, a community center, and two elementary schools for the Banning and Beaumont Unified School Districts are also provided within the Specific Plan. The developer also will
provide other public utilities such as electric, cable, telephone lines, and gas lines, including transit stops to serve the needs of the Butterfield community.

In compliance with SB 610 and Government Code Section 66473.7, a water supply analysis is prepared for the Butterfield Specific Plan and the Development Agreement. The Water Supply Analysis (WSA) which is incorporated herein by reference indicated that at the build out of the project in 2045 the potable water for the project is 2,880 acre feet per year (AFY) without conservation and 1,725 AFY with conservation measures. The City also prepared the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) that was adopted by the City Council on June 28, 2011. The UWMP provides an analysis for a 20-year time frame as required by State law. Due to the time frame for the build out of the project, the Butterfield Specific Plan analyzed a 35-year time frame, which is 15 years beyond the life the UWMP and concluded that the City has adequate water to supply to the project.

In compliance with CEQA Guidelines (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), the City has prepared a Final EIR for the project which identified and assessed all of the environmental impacts associated with the project, identified mitigation measures for the project that reduce the project impacts, disclose impacts that are significant that cannot be mitigated to less than significant. The City has prepared a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program which is hereby incorporated by reference. The City also prepared a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the significant and unavoidable Project-related impacts associated with aesthetics, light and glare, air quality, and traffic and circulation and the cumulative impacts associated with aesthetics, light and glare, air quality, climate change, noise, and traffic and circulation. (Refer to Environmental Impact Report Resolution 2012-02).

Based upon the Statement of Overriding Considerations, the City finds that seventeen (17) areas of public benefits related to the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan Project outweigh the seven (7) areas of significant unavoidable adverse impacts. Accordingly, the significant unavoidable adverse impacts are considered acceptable.

The above finding of facts provided in this subsection concludes that the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the community as the project has been prepared in compliance with the City of Banning Zoning Code Chapter 17.96, Government Code Sections 65451 and 65452, and the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.)

c. The proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change would maintain the appropriate balance of land uses within the City in that the Butterfield Specific Plan provides a mix of land uses that include residential, commercial, open space, parks, trails, school sites, fire station site, golf course, and infrastructure to serve the needs of the community.

Specifically, the residential development would include single-family (539.2 acres) and medium density residential (324.4 acres) components. The single-family residential
development will be provided with varying product types and lot sizes. Within the single-family residential development, the Low Density component of the development will have lot sizes ranging from a minimum of 5,000 square feet to an average of 7,500 square feet. For a medium density single-family component, the lot sizes range from 3,400 square feet to a minimum average of 7,200 square feet. For the cluster medium density single-family, the lot sizes range from 2,000 square feet to 2,800 square feet.

The High Density Residential (73.8 acres) development would provide for attached single-family dwellings with semi-private courtyards and open spaces.

The two commercial sites are located at key intersections within the project. The 23-acre site is located at Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street. The 13-acre site is located at the southeast corner of “B” Street and Highland Springs Avenue. Both sites would provide for general commercial, retail and office uses that would serve the residents of the project and the surrounding community.

Park facilities of varying sizes, including pedestrian, and bike lanes are provided within the development to serve the recreation needs of the community. The park sites are easily accessible from the various neighborhoods within the development. The golf course area, or its alternative use as an open space with trails provides a central open space or view window for the development which is an amenity for the project.

The Butterfield Specific Plan also provides adequate areas for drainage, streets, and infrastructure to serve the development.

Based on the facts provided in this sub-section, including Section 7.0 of the Butterfield Specific Plan findings of consistency with the General Plan as referenced herein, the proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change would maintain the appropriate balance of land uses within the City and specifically, it will implement the Citywide goal of “a balanced well-planned community including business which provides a functional pattern of land uses and enhances the quality of life for all Banning residents.”

d. The project site is 1,543 acres and is adequate and suitable to develop with the proposed land uses which are described in detail in the Butterfield Specific Plan as incorporated herein by reference. The land use plan for the project takes into consideration the physical constraints and opportunities of the site including surrounding land uses, topography, geology, seismic hazards, soils, groundwater, drainage and flood control channels – Smith Creek and Pershing Channel, paleontology and archeology, biology, circulation and access, and utilities as described in detailed in Sections 2.1 through 2.7.2 of the Specific Plan.

The location of the various land uses has been distributed and placed to provide compatibility within the neighborhoods in the project and the surrounding area, including the neighborhood on the north side of Mockingbird Lane as this neighborhood provided input as to compatibility of the previous lot sizes which were smaller compare to lot sizes in their neighborhood. Specifically, to ensure compatibility with the existing residential
development on the north side of Mockingbird Lane, the Project has designated Planning Area 50 (refer to Exhibit 3.1, Land Use Plan, in the Specific Plan) as Low Density Residential, with an average lot size of 7,500 sq. ft. Furthermore, starting at the back of lots along the existing lots on the north side of Mockingbird Lane, there would be approximately 390 ft. of open space between the rear property lines of lots located on Mockingbird Lane and the southern boundary of Planning Area 50.

Each of the neighborhoods within the project area have been reviewed and provided two points of access for public safety in case of emergency and also connection to the surrounding community. Necessary utilities that include water, sewer, gas, electricity, cable, telephone, and transit that will serve the development will be provided through the implementation of the Specific Plan.

In compliance with SB 610 and Government Code Section 66473.7, a Water Supply Analysis was prepared for the project consistent with the requirements of the City’s Urban Water Management Plan as incorporated herein by reference, and concluded that the City has adequate water to supply to the project.

Based on the facts indicated in this subsection and subsections above, the project site is suitable for requested land use designation(s) and the anticipated land use development(s).

Do you feel that the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan merits approval and the Planning Commission can recommend approval to the City Council? Per the Banning Zoning Code Chapter 17.96, the adoption of any specific plan’s contents must meet the requirements of Government Code Sections 65451 and 65452.

Key to the Planning Commission consideration of its review and recommendation to the City Council of the Butterfield Specific Plan is determining whether it meets the requirements of Government Code Sections 65451 and 65452 as listed below.

a. The Specific Plan shall include a text and a diagram or diagrams which specify all of the following in detail:

   (1) The distribution, location, and extent of the uses of land, including open space, within the area covered by the Plan.

   (2) The proposed distribution location, and extent and intensity of major components of public and private transportation, sewage, water, drainage, solid waste disposal, energy, and other essential facilities proposed to be located within the area covered by the plan and needed to support the land uses described in the plan.

   (3) Standards and criteria by which the development will proceed, and standards for the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources where applicable.
(4) A program of implementation measures including regulations, programs, public works projects, and financing measures necessary to carry out paragraphs (1), (2), and (3).

b. The specific plan shall include a statement of the relationship of the specific plan to the General Plan.

Based on staff’s analysis of the State law and facts provided in the staff report and the Specific Plan document referenced herein, the Butterfield Specific Plan has been prepared in compliance with the State law. Specifically, the Butterfield Specific Plan provides for the following to address compliance with State law. Details of the finding of facts are included in Resolution No. 2012-04.

(5) Section 1.0, pages 1-1 to 1-17 includes maps and diagrams for the distribution, location, and extent of the uses of land, including open space. In addition, the text accompanies the maps and diagrams providing detail information as to the specific plan land uses, their location, and intensity/density of the uses. Furthermore Sections 3.0 through 3.1.2, pages 3-1 through 3-16 of the Specific Plan provide detailed development plans for each of the land uses. Detail information of the distribution, location, and extent of the parks and open space development is provided in Section 3.6 through 3.6.6, pages 3-85 through 3-98.

(6) Section 3.2 through 3.5.5, pages 3-17 through 3.84 provide detail information via text and diagrams/maps showing distribution location, and extent and intensity of major components of public and private transportation, sewage, water, drainage, solid waste disposal, energy, and other essential facilities proposed to be located within the area covered by the plan and needed to support the land uses described in the plan. Other public services and essential facilities for the project including schools, fire and police protection, library, cable, gas, and health services are provided in Section 3.7.1 on pages 2-97 through 3-99.

(7) Standards and criteria by which the development will proceed, and standards for the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources where applicable are provided in the following sections:

a. Section 3.7.2, pages 3-99 through 3-105 provide phasing for each development

b. Sections 4.1 through 4.13.9, pages 4-1 through 4-139 provide detail development design guidelines for the community, neighborhood, and individual buildings and how they are to be developed.

c. Sections 5.0 through 5.8.1 provide specific details development regulations for each of the land use districts and how they are to be developed.

(8) Section 6.0 through 6.2.2, pages 6-1 through 6-4 provide details information on the administration and implementation of the Butterfield Specific Plan that includes regulations, programs, public works projects, and financing measures necessary to
carry out items (1), (2), and (3). The financing measures include Community Facility District which is described in detail in Section 3.7.3 on page 3-105.

- Do you feel that the Development Agreement which provides the developer with vested rights to develop the project in the future in accordance with Butterfield Specific Plan merits approval in exchange for the public benefits to the City?

The development of the Butterfield Specific Plan requires an up-front and substantial investment in public infrastructure costs. The initial infrastructure cost for the project is estimated to be $100 million. The ultimate infrastructure cost is approximately $460 million. In exchange for the investment, the developer is requesting approval of a superseded Development Agreement for Butterfield Specific Plan to provide a vested right to develop the project consistent with the Zoning (Butterfield Specific Plan) for the property without any concerns that the Zoning will change during the 40-year period.

The development agreement provides the following:

- A 40-year term with a 10-year extension prior to the expiration date of the agreement subject to City review every 10 years.

- Incentive for the developer with a development impact fee (DIF) waiver up to 500 units provided that the construction occurs on January 2014 and the 500 units are completed within five (5) years after the Effective date of the Agreement. The development impact fees include general facility, police, fire, parks, and traffic. The purpose of the incentive is to incentivize the developer to start construction early and not wait until the economy recovers in four or more years.

- The developer is required to complete the number of units as indicated on the Phasing Plan as indicated on page 18 of this staff report: 1,200 units – the first ten years (Phase I); 1,600 units the second 10 years (Phase II); 1,400 the third ten years (Phase III); and 1,187 the last ten years (Phase IV).

- At the 10-year mark, the City will review the project for compliance with the terms of the agreements. If the total required units are not constructed by the end of the 10-year period, the developer will lose 5 years at the end of the development agreement. For a 30-year agreement, the developer may lose up to 10 years if they do not meet the unit threshold as provided in the agreement. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that there is an incentive for the developer to complete the project in Banning as opposed to other projects that they have in other communities.

- Also at the 10-year mark, the City has the right to raise the processing fees and development fees that are effective at the time for the remaining units that are to be built. Additional, the City has the right to impose new city-wide fees that are effective at the 10-year mark.
If there is a downturn in the economy, the developer could add one year for each year that the economy is in the downturn. The downturn in the economy is defined based on the 50% average total units constructed in the Western Riverside County cities and its unincorporated areas for a 25-year period.

The developer will also be reimbursed for providing the up-front costs for the preparation of the studies that include sewer and water master plan, general plan circulation element amendment, and improvement to Highland Springs Avenue and traffic circulation and relocation of Joshua Palmer Way.

With the vested right to develop the property, the City will receive:

- A substantial amount of investment in public infrastructure, for water, sewer, streets, storm drain, and flood control. The initial investment in infrastructure is $100 million. The total infrastructure investment for the entire project is estimated to be $460 million.

- New and variety of home types for existing and future residents.

  This includes single-family (539.2 acres) and medium density residential (324.4 acres) components. The single-family residential development will be provided with varying product types and lot sizes. Within the single-family residential development, the Low Density component of the development will have lot sizes ranging from a minimum of 5,000 square feet to an average of 7,500 square feet. For a medium density single-family component, the lot sizes range from 3,400 square feet to a minimum average of 7,200 square feet. For the cluster medium density single-family, the lot sizes range from 2,000 square feet to 2,800 square feet.

  The High Density Residential (73.8 acres) development would provide for attached single-family dwellings with semi-private courtyards and open spaces.

- Commercial development to serve the development and the surrounding community.

  The two commercial sites are located at key intersections within the project. The 23-acre site is located at Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street. The 13-acre site is located at the southeast corner of “B” Street and Highland Springs Avenue. Both sites would provide for general commercial, retail and office uses that would serve the residents of the project and the surrounding community.

- Improved park facilities, hiking and biking trails for the residents of the development.

  The developer will provide the City with fully improved parks as part of the development as opposed to some future date. The park facilities of varying sizes, including pocket parks, neighborhood parks, and Community Parks, pedestrian, and bike lanes are provided within the development to serve the recreation needs of the community. The park sites are easily accessible from the various neighborhoods within the development.
The golf course area or its alternative use as an open space with trails provides a central open space or view window for the development which is an amenity for the project.

- Revenue from property tax, sales tax, and development fees.

The development of the property will provide property tax, sales tax, and development fees compared to the current vacant undeveloped state

- Construction jobs and jobs for the various trades.

The project is expected to generate construction jobs, including jobs for other trades such as architects, engineers, interior designers, roofing, flooring, furniture, lighting, piping, asphalt, etc.

- Roof tops to attract future commercial development.

The City will have more roof tops to attract future retailers and restaurants to locate in Banning once the homes are occupied. The project would incentivize the local economy.

- Site for the community center, fire station, and schools, and sewer treatment facility.

Staff believes that the proposed Development Agreement is a win-win for the developer and the City. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval of the Development Agreement to the City Council. Resolution No. 2012-05 provides details of the finding of facts for approval of the Development Agreement.

- Do you feel that the EIR prepared for this project appropriately identifies, mitigates, or acknowledges an inability to mitigate, the potential environmental impact of the proposed project? If so, this would allow you to recommend approval to the City Council of the certification of the Final EIR. Certification of the Final EIR does not necessitate the approval of the project itself - rather it is specific to the adequacy of the environmental analysis of the project.

Staff believes that the EIR appropriately identifies, analyzes, and mitigates all potential environmental effects of the project and acknowledges those that are significant and unavoidable. The EIR prepared for the project as referenced herein appropriately identifies, mitigates, and acknowledges the inability to mitigate certain environmental impacts of the project. The mitigation monitoring and reporting program as referenced herein and attached to the Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-02 identifies the specific mitigation measures that must be implemented by the project to reduce the project impacts. Additionally, the EIR provides disclosure that five (5) environmental issue areas: aesthetics/light and glare, air quality, and traffic and circulation and the cumulative impacts associated with aesthetics, light and glare, air quality, climate change, noise, and traffic and circulation will not be fully mitigated and would require a statement of overriding considerations should the project be approved. The statement of overriding considerations is attached to Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-02.
Do you feel that the project benefits override or outweigh the identified unavoidable environmental impacts to justify the adoption of the Statement of Overriding Considerations? In order for the City Council to consider approval of the General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, and Butterfield Specific Plan, a Statement of Overriding Considerations must be adopted. The Planning Commission would need to consider if the project benefits will outweigh or override and recommend to the City Council whether the Council should consider adopting the Statement of Overriding Considerations. Details of this action are provided in the staff report.

Based on Staff’s evaluation of the project and its benefits, the approval of the project would outweigh the identified unavoidable environmental impacts of the Project as provided in the discussion of the Development Agreement on pages 30 to 32 of this staff report. Details of the findings of fact for certification of the Final EIR, findings of fact for the environmental, and Statement of Overriding Considerations are included in Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-02.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES:

- On February 24, 2012, the City gave public notice by advertisement in the Record Gazette newspaper of a public hearing concerning the project, which included the Final Environmental Impact Report, General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501, Zone Change No. 11-3501, Butterfield Specific Plan and Development Agreement.

- In addition, the City mailed public hearing notices to the owners of properties that are located within a 300’ radius of the project boundaries and to interested persons who requested to be on the mailing lists for the project.

- The City also delivered CDs (compact disk) responding to comments provided by public agencies, groups/organizations, and interested members of the public.

As of the writing of this report the City received one comment from Patsy Reeley regarding the date of the Planning Commission hearing and a request for a hard copy of the Final EIR. Staff provided a copy of the Final EIR to Ms. Reeley on February 29, 2012.

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Attachments:

1. Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-02 and Exhibits A,B,C & D
2. Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-03 and Exhibit A
3. Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-04 and Conditions of Approval (Exhibit A)
4. Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-05 and Development Agreement (Exhibit A)
5. Butterfield Specific Plan (Under Separate Cover)
6. Final Environmental Impact Report (Also Exhibit B to Reso No. 2012-02) (Under Separate Cover)
7. Draft Environmental Impact Report (Under Separate Cover)
ATTACHMENT 1

Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-02
And Exhibits A, B, C & D
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BANNING, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT, CERTIFY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE BUTTERFIELD SPECIFIC PLAN (SCH NO. 2007091149), AND ADOPT FINDINGS OF FACT, A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Banning received an application on August 20, 2007 for a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, which will supersede the Deutsch Specific Plan and provide zoning regulations for the Butterfield Specific Plan, and a superseding Development Agreement to allow the development of up to 5,387 dwelling units (937.4 acres of residential), a golf course and open space (253.9 acres), parks (66.5 acres) and other open space (108.4 acres), two school sites (23.0 acres), and existing utilities substation facility (4.2 acres), a fire station site (1.6 acres) and backbone roadways (113.6 acres). The project also includes the construction of major onsite and offsite infrastructure, including, but not limited to: various on-site and off-site street improvements to provide access to and from the project site; various onsite and offsite conveyance pipelines for sewer, water, storm drain; a multi-purpose detention basin, and drainage improvements to Pershing Channel and Smith Creek immediately upstream and downstream of the 1,543-acre project site to accommodate the mixed-use master planned community.

Project Applicant: Pardee Homes (Authorized Agent Mike Taylor, Vice President of Pardee Homes, 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1900, Los Angeles, CA 90024)

Property Owners: Pardee Homes owns 1,522 acres within the Butterfield Specific Plan.

Highland Springs Country Club Owners Association owns the 21-acre property that is located at the northwest corner of the Butterfield Specific Plan (APN: 408-060-006, 007 & 008 portion).

Project Location: Northeast Corner of Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street

APN Number: The project includes 34 parcels: 408-060-006, 007 & 008 (por.); 408-030-001 & 005; 408-120-001 through 020, 022, 024, 025, 027 & 033; and 531-080-013 & 014.

Specific Plan Size: 1,543 Acres

WHEREAS, applications for General Plan Amendment No. 11-2510, Zone Change No. 11-3501, an amendment superseding the Deutsch Specific Plan, renamed as the Butterfield
Specific Plan, and a Development Agreement superseding the Deutsch Specific Plan are considered a “project” pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guideline Section 15378 (Public Resources Code Section 21065).

WHEREAS, the City determined that there was substantial evidence that the Butterfield Specific Plan and associated applications as referenced herein may have one or more significant effects of the environment and that the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was therefore warranted under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002, 15382, 15384.

WHEREAS, the City of Banning is the lead agency for the preparation and consideration of environmental documents for the Project, as defined by CEQA Sections 15051 and 15367.

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 15083 of CEQA and prior to completing the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the City held an early consultation or scoping meeting regarding the environmental issue areas to be considered in the EIR. The City published the Notice of Preparation (NOP) including the Scoping meeting in the Record Gazette and on the City’s website. The City also mailed the NOP to residents who are located within 300’ of the project site and to members of the public, organizations/groups, public agencies and persons who have requested to be on the mailing lists. As part of early consultation, the City held three (3) public scoping meetings. Two (2) scoping meetings were held on October 16, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Another scoping meeting was held on October 22, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHEREAS, an EIR (SCH No. 2007091149) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program were prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Sections 15000-15387 (Title 14, Chapter 3 of California Code of Regulations), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the City of Banning Environmental Review Guidelines.

WHEREAS, consistent with Sections 15086 and 15087 of CEQA, the City published the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIR and made the DEIR available for a 45-day public review period from June 6, 2011 to July 21, 2011. The NOA was published in the Press Enterprise and the City’s website. The City also mailed the NOA to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to State Agencies. Also, the City mailed the NOA to the residents, who live within 300’ radius of the project boundaries, groups and organizations, and members of the public who requested to be on the mailing list of the project.

WHEREAS, prior to the close of the comment period, the City held a public workshop on June 21, 2011 to provide information and answer questions from interested members of the public regarding the project and the Draft EIR.

WHEREAS, during the public workshop of June 21, 2011, the City received questions and comments mostly on traffic, among other questions about the project. In response to the oral comments on traffic, the City held another workshop on July 14, 2011 to respond to questions from members of the public regarding the traffic analysis report and conclusions.
WHEREAS, the City received 31 comment letters from members of the public, public agencies, groups/organizations, and persons who requested to be a part of the mailing list of the project regarding the DEIR and the impacts of the Butterfield Specific Plan, including its associated applications as referenced herein.

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 15088 of CEQA, the City evaluated the responses received from members of the public, public agencies, groups/organizations, and persons who requested to be a part of the mailing list of the project and prepared written responses which are culminated in a Final EIR for the project and is referenced herein. The Final EIR was made available for 10-day public review on Friday, February 24, 2012. The Final EIR was made available at City Hall Community Development Counter, the Banning Public Library, and the City’s website.

WHEREAS, the Final EIR consists of the following documents, all of which are incorporated herein by reference: the Draft EIR, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program attached hereto, Statement of Findings of Fact attached hereto, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Technical Appendices, Written Comments and Responses regarding the Draft, and Draft EIR Errata Sheet.

WHEREAS, Section 10911(b) of the Water Code and Section 15155 of CEQA requires that the environmental document for a project that falls within the definition of a “water demand project” or 500 residential units must include an assessment of the adequacy of the public water system to serve the project (Water Supply Assessment or WSA). The Butterfield Specific Plan meets the definition of a “water demand project” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15155.

WHEREAS, a Water Supply Assessment was prepared for the Project and is consistent with the 2010 City of Banning Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), which was adopted by the City Council on June 28, 2011. The adopted UWMP specifically identified the Butterfield Specific Plan as planned for development and concluded that the City is anticipated to have a surplus of water to meet its customers’ demands. The WSA for the Butterfield Specific Plan analyzed the project water demand for the build-out of the project, which is 35 years as opposed to 20 years as required by State law. The WSA analyzed the City’s existing water and future supplies, and the reliability of those supplies under varying hydrologic conditions, and compared them to the water demand at project build out, in addition to the City’s existing and planned for future demands. As detailed in the Water Supply Assessment, made a part of the project’s Draft EIR, the City’s total projected water supplies available during normal, single dry, and multiple dry water years during a 35-year projection will meet the projected water demand associated with the project, in addition to the City’s existing and planned future uses.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has the authority per Chapter 17.44 of the Banning Zoning Code to review and make recommendations to the City Council on the Project proposal including environmental findings for the project.

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2012, the City gave public notice by advertisement in the Record Gazette newspaper of a public hearing concerning the project. In addition, the City mailed public hearing notices to the owners of properties that are located within a 300’ radius of
the project boundaries and to interested persons who requested to be on the mailing lists for the project. The City also mailed the Final EIR to public agencies that commented on the Draft EIR.

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2012, the Planning Commission held the noticed public hearing at which interested persons had an opportunity to testify in support of, or opposition to, the project and at which the Planning Commission considered the project approvals.

NOW THEREFORE, the Planning Commission of the City of Banning does hereby resolve, determine, find, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Recitals prefacing this Resolution are hereby incorporated herein by this reference and in factual support of all findings. The Planning Commission, in light of the whole record before it, including but not limited to, the Final EIR (the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Statement of Findings of Fact attached hereto, Statement of Overriding Considerations attached hereto, Technical Appendices, Written Comments and Responses regarding the Draft, and Draft EIR Errata Sheet), all documents incorporated by reference herein, and other substantial evidence (within the meaning of Public Resources Code Section 21080(e) and 21082.2), hereby recommends the City Council make the following findings:

Finding No. 1

That an Environmental Impact Report for the project was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act Sections 15000-15387 (Title 14, Chapter 3 of California Code of Regulations), and the local CEQA Guidelines and Thresholds of Significance adopted by the City of Banning.

Finding of Fact:

The City of Banning prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) in accordance with Section 15082 of CEQA in that:

1. The NOP as incorporated herein by reference included: (a) detailed description of the project; (b) location of the project; and, (c) probable environmental effects of the project.

2. The NOP was distributed to the State Clearinghouse on November 28, 2007. The State Clearinghouse issued a state identification number on November 28, 2007 (SCH No. 2007091149), according to the CEQA Guidelines Sections 15082(a), 15103, and 15375 indicating that an EIR was being prepared. The City circulated the NOP to responsible and trustee state agencies, local organizations, interested individuals, and owners of property who lives within 300’ of the project boundaries, to identify issues to be addressed in the EIR.

Finding No. 2

The City held an early public consultation pursuant to Section 15085 of the CEQA Guidelines.
Finding of Fact: The City held an early consultation or scoping meeting regarding the environmental issue areas to be considered in the EIR. The City published the Notice of Preparation (NOP) including the Scoping meeting in the Record Gazette and on the City’s website. The City also mailed the NOP to residents who are located within 300’ of the project site and to members of the public, organizations/groups, public agencies and persons who have requested to be on the mailing lists. As part of early consultation, the City held three (3) public scoping meetings. Two (2) scoping meetings were held on October 16, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Another scoping meeting was held on October 22, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Finding No. 3 The City has complied with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15085, 15086, 15087, and 15105 by providing a Notice of Completion of the Draft EIR to the State Clearinghouse and a Notice of Availability to responsible and trustee agencies and other persons and agencies as required.

Finding of Fact: Upon completion of the Draft EIR, the City filed a Notice of Availability as hereby incorporated by reference (NOA) with State Clearinghouse. The Notice of Availability includes: (1) a brief description of the project; (2) the location of the project and address where copies of the EIR are available, and comment period for the Draft EIR. Additionally, the City provided copies of the Draft EIR to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to the responsible and trustee agencies for a 45-day public review. The Notice of Availability also was posted on the City’s website at www.ci.banning.ca.us.

The City also published a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR in the Press Enterprise and made the DEIR available on the City’s website, at City Hall Community Development Department Counter, and at the Banning Public Library. In addition, the City mailed the NOA to the residents who live within 300’ radius of the project boundaries; members of the public who requested to be on the mailing list of the project; groups and organizations including the Cherry Valley Acres and Neighbors, Cherry Valley Environmental Group, and South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Prior to the close of the comment period, the City held a public workshop on June 21, 2011 to provide information and answer questions from interested members of the public regarding the project and the Draft EIR.

During the public workshop of June 21, 2011, the City received questions and comments mostly on traffic, among other questions about the project. In response to the oral comments on traffic, the City held another workshop on July 14, 2011 to respond to questions from members of the public regarding the traffic analysis report and conclusions.
Comments that were received on the NOP were addressed during the preparation of the EIR and incorporated into the Draft EIR. Copies of the comment letters are included in Appendix A of the Draft EIR.

Finding No. 4

The City has evaluated and responded to all written comments received during the public review period and included both comments and responses as part of the Final EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.

Finding of Fact:

The City provided written response to comments received from the commenting agencies/individuals pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088. The Responses to Comments document includes the verbatim comments received on the Draft EIR, a list of those commenting, and the City’s response to the significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process. The Final EIR for the project consists of the Draft EIR (incorporated by reference and hereinafter referred to as the “EIR”), the Responses to Comments document, and changes to the EIR which clarify, supplement, or update the information provided in the EIR. None of the changes or supplemental information in the Final EIR constitutes significant new information as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5. Therefore, CEQA does not require recirculation of the EIR.

Finding No. 5

That the Final EIR identifies potentially significant effects on the environment that could result if the project were adopted without changes or alterations in the project and imposition of mitigation measures and further finds that changes, alterations, and mitigation measures have been incorporated into, or imposed as conditions of approval on, the project. These changes, alterations, and mitigation measures will avoid the significant environmental effects identified in the Final EIR or lessen their impact to the maximum extent feasible. These changes, alterations, and mitigation measures are fully enforceable because they have either resulted in an actual change to the project as proposed or they have been imposed as conditions of approval on the project. The Final EIR also identifies significant unavoidable effects even after mitigation and project changes.

Finding of Fact:

The Final EIR identified potentially significant effects on the environment and identified mitigation measures that shall be incorporated into the project to reduce impacts. The City has incorporated design features into the project, adopted conditions of approval, and prepared a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to track compliance with the mitigation measures. In certain instances incorporation of mitigation measures were unable to reduce impacts to less than significant. The City has prepared a Statement of Overriding Considerations hereby incorporated by reference.
Finding No. 6  The Final EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City.

Finding of Fact: Prior to taking action on the project, the City was presented with, heard, reviewed and considered all of the information and data in the administrative record including, but not limited to, the Final EIR, and all oral and written testimony presented to it during meetings and hearings. The City also contracted with Hogle-Ireland to peer review the draft EIR prior to its release for public review. The Final EIR reflects the independent judgment of the City and is deemed adequate for purposes of making decisions on the merits of the Project and its related actions.

SECTION 2. MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (MSHCP)

The project is found to be consistent with the MSHCP. The project site is not located within an MSHCP Criteria Cell or Conservation Area. With implementation of mitigation measures BIO-1 through BIO-5, which requires compensatory mitigation of project impacts to jurisdictional riparian/riverine and wetland habitat pursuant to the requirements and regulations of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the project will have less than significant impacts on sensitive habitats and species and will be consistent with the MSHCP.

SECTION 3. WATER SUPPLY

Based on the entire administrative record, including but not limited to the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan and the Water Supply Assessment prepared for the Project, responses to comments and errata and incorporated into the EIR, it is determined that City's total projected water supplies available during normal, single dry, and multiple dry water years during a 35-year projection will meet the existing and planned future uses.

SECTION 4. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION.

Based on the foregoing findings, and on substantial evidence in the whole of the record, the Planning Commission recommends the City Council take the following actions:

The Planning Commission adopt Resolution No. 2012-02:

1. **Adopt Findings of Facts:** The Planning Commission recommends adoption of the Findings of Facts prepared for the EIR (Exhibit “A”).

2. **Approve the Water Supply Analysis and Certify EIR:** The Planning Commission recommends approval of the WSA and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2007091149) for the Butterfield Specific Plan and related Applications (Exhibit “B” – Under Separate Cover)

3. **Adopt Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program:** The Planning Commission recommends approval and adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (Exhibit “C”)

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4. **Adopt Statement of Overriding Considerations:** The Planning Commission recommends adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the significant and unavoidable project-related impacts associated with aesthetics, light and glare, air quality and traffic and circulation and the cumulative impacts associated with aesthetics, light and glare, air quality, climate change, noise and traffic and circulation (Exhibit “D”).

5. **Location:** The Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH NO. 2007091149) for the Butterfield Specific Plan and all documents incorporated herein shall be filed with the Banning Planning Division at the Banning City Hall, 99 East Ramsey Street, Banning, California, 92220 and be made available for public review upon request.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2012.**

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Harold Barsh, Vice-Chairman
Banning Planning Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL CONTENT:

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Lona N. Laymon, Asst. City Attorney
Aleshire & Wynder LLP

ATTEST:

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Virginia Sorenson, Recording Secretary
City of Banning, California
CERTIFICATION:

I, Virginia Sorenson, Recording Secretary of the Planning Commission of the City of Banning, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, No. 2012-02, was duly adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Banning, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of March 2012, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Virginia Sorenson, Recording Secretary
City of Banning, California
EXHIBIT “A”

BUTTERFIELD SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT

Findings of Fact

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in Public Resources Code Section 21081 provides in part that:

"[N]o public agency shall approve or carry out a project for which an environmental impact report has been certified which identifies one or more significant effects on the environment that would occur if the project is approved or carried out unless both of the following occur:

(a) The public agency makes one or more of the following findings with respect to each significant effect:

(1) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.
(2) Those changes or alterations are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of another public agency and have been, or can and should be, adopted by that other agency.
(3) Specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other considerations, including considerations for the provision of employment opportunities for highly trained workers, make infeasible the mitigation measures or alternatives identified in the environmental impact report.

(b) With respect to significant effects which were subject to a finding under paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), the public agency finds that specific overriding economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of the project outweigh the significant effects on the environment."

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, an NOP was completed for the proposed Project to initiate the City’s CEQA review process for the Project, identify potential environmental impacts of the Project, seek public input regarding potential environmental impacts, and to announce public scoping meetings for the Project (refer to Appendix A and the discussion below). The City of Banning distributed the NOP, which was filed with the State of California Office of Planning and Research on September 28, 2007. The NOP comment period closed on October 29, 2007, following the State-mandated 30-day public review period.

Three public scoping meetings were held to discuss the proposed Project on the following dates: Tuesday October 16, 2007 at 2:00 pm and at 6:00 pm, and Monday October 22, 2007 at 6:00 pm.

The City initiated a 45-day public comment period from June 3, 2011 to July 21, 2011 by filing a Notice of Completion with the State Clearinghouse and publishing a Notice of Availability for the Draft EIR in the Record Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation within the City’s jurisdiction (CEQA Guidelines § 15087).

The Draft EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2007091149) addresses potential significant impacts in the following areas as identified during the Draft EIR preparation process, including public and agency comments received on the NOP, as well as comments received from the public during separate scoping meetings. In addition to CEQA-mandated discussions, environmental issues evaluated within the Draft EIR are as follows:
Copies of the Draft EIR were distributed to state agencies for a 45-day review through the State Clearinghouse. The Notice of Availability was sent to public agencies, organizations and individuals and indicated where copies of the Draft EIR and supporting documents could be obtained, or where they were available for a 45-day review. The City made copies available for local review at the City of Banning Community Development Department, on the City’s website, and at the Banning Public Library. The City also sent copies of the EIR to interested agencies, organizations, and individuals, including the Cherry Valley Acres and Neighbors, Cherry Valley Environmental Group, and South Coast Air Quality Management District.

The City provided written response to comments received from the commenting agencies/ individuals pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21092.5. The Responses to Comments document includes the verbatim comments received on the Draft EIR, a list of those commenting, and the City’s response to the significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process. The Final EIR for the project consists of the Draft EIR (incorporated by reference and hereinafter referred to as the “EIR”), the Responses to Comments document, and changes to the EIR which clarify, supplement, or update the information provided in the EIR. None of the changes or supplemental information in the Final EIR constitute significant new information as defined by CEQA Guidelines § 15508.5.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

The proposed Project site (hereinafter the “Butterfield Specific Plan” or “Project”) consists of 20 existing legal lots, covering approximately 1,522 acres, owned by Pardee Homes. The EIR also analyzes the impacts of development of an additional 21-acre lot owned by the Highland Springs Country Club Owner’s Association. However, the potential future annexation is not part of the proposed Project and, if proposed in the future, would be subject to a separate and independent review process. The site is generally located north of the I-10 Freeway within the northwestern portion of the City of Banning adjacent to the City of Beaumont and unincorporated areas of the County of Riverside, within the San Gorgonio Pass, an area that links the Riverside and Perris Valleys to the Coachella Valley; refer to Exhibit 3.0-1, Regional Vicinity Map, of the Draft EIR. Specifically, the Project is located north of Wilson Street, east of Highland Springs Road, west of Highland Home Road, north and northwest of the present terminus of Highland Home Road, and south of the unincorporated portion of Riverside County, generally north of the extended alignment of Brookside Avenue into the San Bernardino Mountain foothills; refer to Exhibit 3.0-2, Local Vicinity Map, of the Draft EIR. The Project site is generally surrounded by unincorporated Riverside County and portions of the San Bernardino Mountains to the north and northeast, Highland Home Road, and the Banning Bench to the east, the City of Beaumont and
existing residential to the east and south, Wilson Street to the south, and Highland Springs Avenue and the City of Beaumont to the west. Regional access to the Project site is via I-10, located south of the Project site.

3.0 FINDINGS CONCERNING IMPACTS FOUND NOT SIGNIFICANT & LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT

In the course of this evaluation, certain impacts of the Project were found not to be significant due to the inability of a project of this scope to create such impacts or the absence of project characteristics producing effects of this nature. The following section provides a brief description of effects found not to be significant based on the analysis conducted through the Draft EIR preparation process. Several issues indicated as “No Impact” are nonetheless addressed in Section 7.0, Effects Found Not to be Significant, of the Draft EIR, as a matter of clarification or convenience for the reader.

3.1 AESTHETICS/LIGHT AND GLARE

3.1-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.1-1, Scenic Vistas and Scenic Highways, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts on a scenic vista and/or causing substantial damage of scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway related to offsite infrastructure and the existing 115kv Line Relocation.

Facts in Support of Finding

Offsite Infrastructure
There would be no long-term visual resource impacts associated with offsite sub-surface pipelines and no disruption of scenic vistas or scenic resources associated with the I-10 corridor. The offsite sewer lift station would be located on a small commercial lot in an appropriately designed and screened building pursuant to City Design Guideline requirements contained in the City’s Municipal Code and the Specific Plan.

115kv Line Relocation
The Project includes relocation of two segments of an existing above-ground 115kv power line. Relocated portions will be above-ground, along the northeastern edge of the proposed development area, subject to review and approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Southern California Edison (SCE). The power line relocation would have negligible effect on views from existing residences located along Highland Home Road and along the western edges of a more recently development subdivision adjacent to the site boundary to the southeast. Existing hillside contours and mature windrows in and around the adjacent subdivisions create a foreground conditions that block views to the north and west where the poles are located. Development within the Specific Plan Project area, including slope landscape as it matures, will further obscure views of the relocated transmission line from onsite and off-site.

3.1-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.1-2, Visual Character, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with regard to degrading the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings related to the potential satellite treatment facility, drainage facilities, above-ground storage tanks, offsite infrastructure and the 115kv line relocation.
Facts in Support of Finding

The site is predominantly disturbed open space abutting the City of Banning’s northern and western development edges and the City of Beaumont’s eastern development edge. The site has little intrinsic aesthetic value itself in its undeveloped state and is currently approved for development pursuant to the Deutsch Specific Plan and related approvals. The site is not located in a designated Open Space District, does not contain unique geological features, visual resources and is not located in an adopted Corridor Protection Plan. Used for cattle grazing, the site is highly disturbed and vegetated primarily with non-native grasses.

Potential Onsite Satellite Treatment Facility

The potential onsite wastewater treatment plant will be designed pursuant to Specific Plan Design Guidelines (Section 3.5.5), including appropriate landscaping, lighting, building materials and setbacks, such that potential visual quality and character impacts are reduced to a less than significant level.

Drainage Facilities

The installation of drainage facilities and the realignment of Smith Creek onsite will be followed by re-vegetation of the drainage and related facilities pursuant to applicable jurisdictional permits, the Landscape Design Concept of the Specific Plan, and the requirements of the City’s Landscape standards ordinance. Long term effects on visual character and visual quality will be less than significant.

Above Ground Water Storage Tanks

With implementation of Project Design Features, long term impacts to visual quality and character of the site or surrounding area associated with the above ground water storage tanks would be reduced to a less than significant level.

Offsite Infrastructure

There would be no significant long term impacts to the visual quality and character of the site or surrounding area associated with off-site infrastructure. Subsurface pipelines would not impact the visual character of the site and its surroundings and the offsite sewer lift station would be located on a small commercial lot in an appropriately designed and screened building pursuant to City Design Guideline requirements contained in the City’s Municipal Code and the Specific Plan.

115 kV Line Relocation

There would be no significant long-term impacts to the visual quality and character of the site or surrounding areas associated with the relocation of the existing 115kv transmission line. See Facts in Support of Finding 3.1-2.

3.2 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

3.2-1 Finding

As identified in Impact 4.2-1, Conversion of Farmland, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts related to the conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance, as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use.

Facts in Support of Finding

The proposed Project site is not designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance by the FMMP Program of the California Resources Agency (2008). Implementation of the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan would result in the conversion of approximately 1,500 acres of State-designated “Farmland of Local Importance” to non-agricultural uses. The site has not
been used for cultivation since 1988 and has been zoned for residential and commercial development since the adoption of the Deutsch Specific Plan Amendment in 1993. There is no Williamson Act contract covering any portion of the Project site. The issue of conversion of farmland was originally addressed in the EIR certified for the Deutsch Banning Specific Plan and found to be a less than significant impact. Since this Project is an amendment and restatement of the originally approved Deutsch Specific Plan, the analysis and findings of the original certified EIR are incorporated by reference.

3.2-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.2-2, Conflicts with Existing Zoning or Williamson Act Contracts, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts related to conflicts with the existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract.

Facts in Support of Finding
As previously discussed none of the parcels that comprise the Project site are subject to Williamson Act contracts. The site is not zoned or General Plan designated for any agricultural use. Accordingly, impacts would be less than significant.

3.2-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.2-3, Other Environmental Changes, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts related to changing the existing environment, which due to the location or nature could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

Facts in Support of Finding
While the proposed Project will convert land designated as Farmland of Local Importance to a non-agricultural use, the site has not supported agricultural uses, apart from occasional livestock grazing since 1988 and, although property adjacent to the east of the Project site is zoned for Ranch Agricultural (Hillside), there is currently no agricultural activity on any adjacent property with the possible exception of occasional cattle grazing. The County of Riverside’s Right to Farm Ordinance does not affect the Project site because the site is located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Banning. However, consistent with Right to Farm principles, all real estate transactions for residential and non-residential uses will include appropriate disclosure forms, as approved by the community Development Director, indicating the historic and intended continued small scale, temporary livestock grazing, so as not to hinder ongoing grazing activities on the Project site; however, this temporary agricultural use contributes very little to the regional agricultural economy and the development of the Project would not directly or indirectly catalyze the conversion of additional farmland to urban uses nor does the Project include any component that would adversely affect the quality or quantity of groundwater available for agricultural production elsewhere in the region; refer to Section 4.14, Water Supply, and 4.9, Hydrology and Water Quality, for a more detailed discussion of Project impacts on groundwater and surface water quality and water demand.

3.3 AIR QUALITY

3.3-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.3-2, Sensitive Receptors, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts related to the exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.

Facts in Support of Finding
The projected traffic volumes were modeled using the BREEZE ROADS dispersion model. The results are shown in Table 4.3-11, Project Buildout Carbon Monoxide Concentrations, of the Draft EIR, and indicate that CO concentration at the three worst-case intersections would be well below the State and
Federal standards. The modeling provided projections for 1-Hour CO concentration measurements, which were modeled at 10 feet from the corners of the selected intersections. Therefore, the remainder of the intersections would also be below the State and Federal standards for CO concentration and would not impact any sensitive receptors. Impacts in regards to CO hotspots would be less than significant.

3.4 GEOLOGY, SOILS, AND SEISMECITY

3.4-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.7-1a, Surface Fault Rupture, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts related to exposing people or structures to potential adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving rupture of a known earthquake faults, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map, or a County of Riverside designated Fault Hazard Area, or a County of Riverside designated Potential Fault Hazard Area.

Facts in Support of Finding
As required by State law and local Building Code, building setbacks are incorporated into the Project’s site plan and the potential for ground rupture to occur outside the building setback zones (within Open Space or Golf Course designated areas) is considered low. Therefore, adverse impacts to structures and people resulting from surface fault rupture onsite would be less than significant. A Limited Geotechnical Investigation (see Appendix E) was prepared by Geocon to evaluate potential geotechnical constraints that may potentially affect the areas where off-site improvements are proposed. The proposed pipeline alignments for water, sewer, and recycled water do not lie within an Alquist-Priolo earthquake fault zone nor were any active or potentially active faults identified along the proposed pipeline alignments. Accordingly, the potential for damage to off-site underground pipelines for water and sewer due to fault rupture would be less than significant.

3.4-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.7-1c, Seismically-Induced Ground Failure, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts related to exposing people or structures to potential adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction; subsidence, and lateral spreading.

Facts in Support of Finding
The RCIP Pass Area Plan indicates that the Project site is located in an area with moderate liquefaction potential. When considered with the density of on-site soils at depth and the depth of groundwater, the potential for liquefaction on the Project site is considered to be very low. Also, the probability of lateral spread occurring on-site is also considered very low, and no mitigation measures are required. Appropriate site preparation pursuant to the recommendations of the Project’s geotechnical engineer as required by the City’s Grading Standards and appropriate structural design as recommended by the Geocon study, any subsequent required studies, and as required by the 2010 CGC and CRC and the City of Banning Building Code would reduce potential impacts to structures as a result of seismically-induced settlement due to densification to a less than significant level. Field investigation by Geocon found no evidence of ground subsidence as a result of past groundwater withdrawal in the Project area or on the Project site. Accordingly, it is unlikely that the site would be affected by ground subsidence and no mitigation measures would be required.

3.4-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.7-2, Soil Erosion, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts related to soil erosion or the loss of topsoil.
Facts in Support of Finding
The Project site is located in an area that has been subject to soil erosion due to precipitation, wind, storm water runoff, and sedimentation. The proposed development of the Project site, which includes grubbing and clearing of site vegetation in preparation for mass grading and tract-specific rough grading, has the potential to result in a substantial increase in soil erosion from the Project site, including the loss or degradation of topsoil. The Project site has been heavily disturbed over the course of many decades through cattle grazing, plowing for farming, and weed abatement activity, etc. Overall, the post-construction condition of on-site topsoil would be improved as compared to the current or immediate post-grading condition. With the implementation of existing Municipal Code Title 18 requirements, State NPDES General Permit requirements, installation and maintenance of BMPs pursuant to an approved SWPPP, continuous construction phase inspection, and the post-construction installation of landscape and drainage improvements, as required by the City, Project impacts related to erosion and loss of topsoil would be reduced to a less than significant level and no additional mitigation measures are required.

3.4-4 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.7-4, Expansive Soils, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts related to the Project being located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property or on soils with an expansion index greater than 20 percent.

Facts in Support of Finding
The majority of the site consists of silty sands that generally possess very low expansion potential. Therefore, the Project is unlikely to be adversely affected by expansive soils. However, the soil profile of any individual location may be unique and could contain expansive soils. Prior to issuing a site-specific grading permit, a geotechnical report must be submitted identifying any expansive soils and recommending either removal and replacement of the expansive soils or a structural design solution. Grading permits would be conditioned on performing one of these recommendations. With adherence to the provisions of the City’s grading standards and building code, as enforced by the City, the potential for adverse impacts due to expansive soils would be less than significant.

3.5 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

3.5-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.8-1, Use and Transport of Hazardous Materials, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with regard to creating a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials related to wastewater treatment and electrical substation facilities and project operational impacts.

Facts in Support of Finding
Compliance with existing regulations would reduce potential impacts associated with the routine use, handling, transport, and storage of hazardous materials in connection with the operation of the Project to a less than significant level.

Wastewater Treatment and Electrical Substation Facilities – Long Term Operational Impacts
The Project designates a 2.5 acre site in the southeast portion of the property in PA 11 as a location for a potential satellite wastewater treatment plant (refer to Section 3.0, Project Description for details). If the City decides to develop the treatment plant, all activities would take place within fully enclosed buildings. Solids removed during treatment would be pumped directly into the existing sewer line in Wilson Street. There would be no further handling of solids at the treatment plant. Compliance with existing regulations and on-going monitoring of the plant’s operations would reduce potential impacts associated with the
routine use, handling, transport, and storage of hazardous materials in connection with the operation of the potential Satellite Wastewater Treatment Plant to a less than significant level.

Project Operational Phase Impacts – Commercial/Golf Course
The proposed Project includes a commercial component. Commercial uses permitted on the site may include businesses, such as dry cleaning establishments, gas stations, auto repair facilities, doctor’s offices, etc., which routinely use and/or dispense hazardous agents. All businesses operating within the Project site that would regularly receive, store, handle, generate, or dispose of regulated types and quantities of hazardous materials and waste products would be regulated pursuant to appropriate permits and inspected annually to ensure compliance with permit conditions. Accordingly, compliance with existing regulations would be sufficient to reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level and no additional, project specific mitigation measure would be required.

The proposed golf course would be heavily landscaped with turf, shrubs, and trees. To the extent that the golf course handles, stores, or disposes of hazardous materials and wastes subject to regulation by the State Department of Toxic Substances Control, its impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level through implementation of existing regulations described for other Project-based commercial uses.

3.5-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.8-2, Risk of Upset, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with regard to creating a hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment, specifically from prior agricultural use of the site and radon.

Facts in Support of Finding
Agricultural Use
The Phase I ESA determined that the Project site has historically been used for cattle grazing and dry farming. The Phase I ESA prepared by Converse Consultants in 2002 and updated in 2007 did not find evidence of the use of herbicides or pesticides in connection with the historic cultivation of the site prior to 1988. Nitrates and other chemicals associated with cattle manure could have leached deeply enough into the soil to have resulted in soil and/or groundwater contamination. However, given the depth to groundwater over the site, contact with potentially contaminated, untreated groundwater during site excavation, grading, and trenching activities is considered highly unlikely. Accordingly, risk of upset associated with past agricultural use of the site is considered to be less than significant.

Radon
The Project site is located in Riverside County, which is classified by the EPA as Zone 2, defined as having a predicted screening level of 2 to 4 pCi/L. This classification indicates that there is a potential for slightly elevated levels of radon to be present in the Riverside County area. However, the radon zones are linked to counties and not necessarily to a specific location within the County. Typically, mountainous areas present a higher risk for radon exposure due to the presence of igneous rock and soil, while the risk for alluvial plain areas, where the Project is located, is lower. Since the majority of the Project site is located on an alluvial plain, hazards involving potential exposure to naturally occurring radon are considered to be less than significant.

3.5-5 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.8-3, School Safety, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts resulting in hazardous emissions or the handling of hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within 0.25 miles of an existing or proposed school.

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Facts in Support of Finding
Two elementary schools are proposed within Planning Areas 20 and 68. Residential, commercial and park uses would be located within 0.25 miles of the proposed school sites. Residential uses, commercial uses, and parks would involve the storage or use of hazardous materials (i.e., household cleaners, automobile oil, gardening chemicals, etc.); however, the small volume and low concentration of these materials would make the risk of upset less than significant.

A Southern California Edison easement runs through the middle of the Project in an east-west direction. Per the State limits, the required setback is measured from any part of the school site to the edge of the easement. The proposed school in PA 68 is located beyond the required 350-foot buffer and, therefore, impacts to schools associated with the power line location would be less than significant. The Planning Area 20 school site is also located more than 350 feet from the edge of the central SCE transmission line easement.

Neither of the proposed on-site schools would be located within 1,500 feet of the existing or relocated high pressure gas line. Where any of the school sites change subsequent to the adoption of the Specific Plan, new sites would be subject to the same setback requirements by existing regulations. Accordingly, impacts to school safety associated with utility locations would be less than significant.

3.5-6 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.8-4, Affect Known Hazardous Materials Site(s), of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts resulting from being located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites complied pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.

Facts in Support of Finding
A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was prepared for the Project site, including the 21-acre parcel owned by Highland Springs Country Club. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, an Environmental Database Report (EDR) of Standard Environmental Record Sources (records) was prepared specifically for the Project site. No portion of the site was identified on any hazardous materials database in the EDR report. While properties in the vicinity of the Project site were identified as potential sources of hazardous materials and/or contaminants, it was determined that these nearby properties represent a low risk due to the nature of their contamination and their distance from the Project site.

3.6 HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

3.6-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.9-1, Water Quality, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts resulting from the violation of water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.

Facts in Support of Finding
Impacts to surface water quality have the potential to occur during the Project’s construction phases; in the interim condition when portions of the site are left fallow with temporary vegetative cover; and following construction of individual tracts through build out of the community, when impacts related to siltation, sedimentation, and erosion are likely to decrease while impacts associated with urban runoff such as nutrients, oil and grease, organic compounds, pesticides, and gross pollutants that could change the chemical composition of downstream water bodies, which may affect plant and wildlife will become more prominent. Impacts have potential to occur both on- and off-site during the course of construction, but would be limited to on-site impacts following the construction of off-site facilities.
Impacts to groundwater quality have the potential to occur throughout the life of the project. The Project site is underlain by the Beaumont basin. The Project site, and in particular that portion of the site occupied by Smith Creek, is currently a recharge area for that basin and is the result of storm water or snow melt flowing through Smith Creek from higher elevations, ponding within the creek channel or in the channel’s floodplain, and ponding outside of the immediate creek area due to sheet flow. The recharge function of Smith Creek will be retained and enhanced as the Project develops through the realignment of the creek, the construction of debris, detention, and water quality basins as well as anticipated containment of post-storm ponding within the golf course Planning Area as the Project develops.

In addition, the Project may receive recycled water treated to California Department of Public Health (CDPH) (formerly CDHS) Title 22 tertiary standards from the City’s expanded Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Phase I Upgrade. The City has already adopted an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Phase I Recycled Water System with a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program on May 27, 2008. Thus, no additional environmental review regarding the Phase I Upgrade is required and less than significant impacts related to the violation of water quality standards or waste discharge requirements would occur.

The use of recycled water on the Project site would require the approval and permits from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Santa Ana Region (Region 8) and CDPH, because it overlies the Beaumont Basin and Beaumont Management Zone. This would include the filing of a Report of Waste Discharge with the RWQCB as well as compliance with Title 22 regulations. Thus, less than significant impacts related to recycled water would occur. A complete discussion of the required permits/approvals for the City’s use of recycled water on the Project site are listed in the WSA, Section 6.4.2.2 and impacts related to new and expanded entitlements are discussed in Draft EIR Impact 4.14-2.

The City or Pass Agency may also elect to construct a pipeline connecting the termination of the State Water Project (SWP) pipeline at the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency’s (SGPWA) spreading grounds with the Project site and use of the North Basin Reservoir and Project recharge basins to recharge the Beaumont Basin with imported water purchased from the SGPWA, as a possible future alternative to, or in addition to, the City’s current use of Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District’s Noble Creek Recharge Facility. Importation of SWP water was previously analyzed in the certified East Branch Extension – Phase II EIR, SGPWA Water Importation Project EIR, and subsequent Addendum Nos. 2 and 3.

The Beaumont Basin is actively monitored by the Beaumont Basin Watermaster, which collects data on water quality and manages production, water levels, and water quality. Additionally, the RWQCB has primary jurisdiction over water quality issues within the basin. The discharge of imported water and capture of storm water into recharge areas and use of recycled water for irrigation and/or recharge will require the City to meet applicable recharge standards and to ensure that water quality levels meet “maximum benefit” objectives included in the Santa Ana Region, Region 8 Basin Plan. Thus, less than significant impacts related to the use of imported water or recycled water onsite and the capture of storm water. The Draft EIR and the WSA (Draft EIR Appendix J), Section 6 have provided sufficient analysis of the potential water quality impacts that may be associated with the proposed Project.

The construction phase of the Project would include the use of potentially hazardous and/or toxic chemicals and materials that could enter receiving waters in the event of accidental spill resulting in soil contamination or nuisance/storm flow contamination, improper handling, and improper storage. Implementation of construction-phase water quality and erosion control best management practices in compliance with existing ordinances and regulations, including the NPDES Construction General Permit and the requirements of Title 13 (Storm water) and Title 18 (Grading) of the City’s Municipal Code, would ensure that potential Project construction phase impacts to water quality would be less than significant by ensuring compliance with water quality standards and waste discharge requirements.
Preparation, review and approval of one or more Water Quality Management Plans (WQMPs) for the proposed Project, and implementation of site-specific post-construction best management practices (BMPs), including those incorporated into the Project as part of the Master Drainage Plan, would ensure that post-construction water quality impacts in both interim and long-term build-out conditions would be less than significant.

3.6-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.9-3, Runoff Capacity, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts resulting from creating or contributing runoff water, which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff.

Facts in Support of Finding
Future development facilitated by implementation of the proposed Project, including both on-site and off-site infrastructure, would result in changes to the absorption rates, drainage patterns, and the corresponding rate and amount of surface runoff of the existing Project area. The proposed land uses would be located in vacant land areas, and would result in new impervious surfaces that would generate additional storm water flows. While the development of the site would introduce urban uses into a currently undeveloped area with corresponding increases in potential pollutants that could impact storm water runoff from the site, water quality best management practices (BMPs) implemented pursuant to existing regulations, described in Impact Analysis 4.9-1, would reduce these impacts to a less than significant level in the construction phase, interim development phases, and the final build out phase of the Project. Accordingly, Project impacts relative to flood control system capacity and water quality would be less than significant.

3.6-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.9-6, Inundation by Seiche, Tsunami, or Mudflow, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts resulting from inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.

Facts in Support of Finding
The proposed Project area is not located on or near the coast or a large body of water. Therefore, it would not be subject to seiche wave action or tsunami hazards. Due to the topography of the Project area, particularly in the foothill areas along the northern perimeter of the Project area, there are potential hazards related to mudflow. The specific Planning Areas in the proposed Project that would be of concern are surrounded by undeveloped open space areas (steep canyons) to the east, in which the threat of mudflow during significant storm events could be a factor; however, Project design includes several debris/detention basins along the northeastern perimeter of the Project area. These basins would serve to mitigate impacts related to mudflow that could occur with major storms by capturing any sediment and debris that may be generated in these off-site areas and preventing these materials from being transported into the planning areas adjoining these undeveloped areas to the east. In addition, compliance with flood control measures imposed by regional and local agencies, as well as implementation of the Butterfield Specific Plan Drainage Plan, would further reduce the impacts associated with mudflow, to a less than significant level. As recommended in the Project’s geotechnical reports (Appendix E) during mass grading activities, geotechnical stabilization would occur on the periphery of the Project area within open space areas, and would be graded appropriately to reduce mudflow susceptibility.

3.7 LAND USE AND PLANNING

3.7-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.10-1, Physically Divide an Established Community, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in no impact resulting from physically dividing an established community.
Facts in Support of Finding
Development of the proposed Project site is currently governed by an adopted Specific Plan and would be generally consistent with the City of Banning General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Since the Project site is vacant and undeveloped, there is no contiguous established community located on the site that would be divided by the implementation of the Project. Development outside the Project boundaries would not be governed by the proposed project and no incursion into, or division of, existing residential neighborhoods would occur as a result of implementation of the proposed Project. Neither would development involve the expansion of the approved Deutsch Specific Plan into an established community. Rather, the proposed Project would continue a pattern of development that is already in place to the south, east, and west of the site, would provide desirable linkages between existing developments, extend/improve the City’s circulation system in a manner consistent with the City’s Circulation Element, and provide parks, schools, and other public facilities that would serve both proposed and existing land uses in the area.

The potential extension of Highland Home Road to Brookside Avenue is a regional transportation project that would undergo its own review and approval process. If built, the road would bisect three fairways of a private golf course (two fairways to the north would be cut off from a fairway to the south) that is already bisected by Cherry Valley Boulevard. The three fairways are not an established community. Moreover, the Highland Home Road to Brookside Avenue extension is not part of the proposed Project and not necessary to accommodate Project generated and cumulative traffic through build out.

Off-site subsurface utility pipelines that would serve the Project would be constructed in existing street right-of-way and would not divide any established community. Because the proposed Project would be consistent with surrounding land uses, as designated by the General Plan, and because no existing communities exist on the Project site, the proposed Project would not divide any existing communities and there would be no impact associated with the division of an established community.

3.7-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.10-2, Conflict with Land Use Policy or Regulation, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts associated with conflicts with any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect.

Facts in Support of Finding
Table 4.10-1, Project Consistency with Land Use-Related Goals and Policies, of the Draft EIR, addresses the consistency of the Project with adopted City of Banning General Plan policies. These policies that are relevant to the proposed Project are included. The Applicant proposes an amendment to the General Plan in order for the General Plan Land Use Map to reference the Butterfield Specific Plan as an amendment and restatement of the Deutsch Specific Plan. Refer to Exhibit 4.10-3, Proposed Amended City of Banning General Plan Designation. The proposed General Plan Amendment (GPA) would allow for the orderly planned development of the Butterfield Specific Plan site in a manner that is consistent with current market requirements and revised regulatory requirements. Therefore the proposed GPA would not conflict with the existing policies of the General Plan.

The current zoning of the Project site conforms to the locations of specific plan uses contained in the Deutsch Specific Plan approved in 1993. The proposed Project includes similar uses and reduces the residential footprint of the site’s current zoning. Regional and City planning has incorporated the proposed uses since 1993. The proposed zone change is intended to reference site zoning with the amended and restated Butterfield Specific Plan. Accordingly, the proposed zone change would not conflict with the remainder of the Zoning Ordinance.
SCAG has prepared a comprehensive planning document intended to serve the SCAG region as a framework for decision making over the next 20 years. The plan includes a set of broad goals for the region and identifies strategies designed to guide local decision making. The consistency analysis of the proposed Project with relevant and applicable policies of SCAG is provided in Table 4.10-2, SCAG Goals and Principles Consistency Analysis. As detailed in Table 4.10-2, the proposed Project is considered consistent with relevant and applicable policies of the RCP regarding growth-inducing impacts.

3.8 PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES

Impacts associated with new or physically altered governmental facilities or services, such as libraries, parks, and various utilities, were analyzed to determine if acceptable levels of service would be maintained.

3.8-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-4, Need for New or Physically Altered Library Facilities, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered public library facilities.

Facts in Support of Finding

Library Services and Facilities
Both the Banning and Beaumont Library Districts are funded primarily by the Library Districts. Project residents would have access to both public library systems and could, therefore, increase the use of facilities and programs in both Districts. Both Districts have an existing deficit of space pursuant to current State standards; however, neither District has adopted a facilities space to population ratio standard and with access via the internet to a full catalogue of library books at the County of Riverside Library System there is no actual deficit in volumes of books. The Project would contribute substantially toward overall City General Fund revenue and therefore proportionally increase revenue available to the local library districts that could be used to expand existing facilities.

Determining actual library space needs resulting from the implementation of the Project is difficult in the absence of an adopted space standard. The City’s General Plan and General Plan EIR indicate that the issue of library facilities would be addressed by careful monitoring of usage and consideration of developer fees to fund future expansion if warranted.

Based on the General Plan finding, and in the absence of any locally adopted space-to-population standard for facilities, the proposed Project would have a less than significant impact on library facilities.

3.8-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-5, Need for New or Physically Altered Hospital Facilities, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered hospital facilities.

Facts in Support of Finding

Health Care Services and Facilities
The City of Banning General Plan EIR addressed potential impacts to health services resulting from build out of the General Plan and concluded that build out of the General Plan would not result in a significant impact to health services. Because the Deutsch Specific Plan Project’s projected contribution to the demand for hospital facilities was considered in the General Plan analysis, and the Butterfield Project is
generally consistent with the Deutsch Specific Plan, implementation of the proposed Project is not expected to have any significant adverse impacts on medical facilities in the area.

3.8-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-6A, *Increased Use of Existing Recreational Facilities* (parks), of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts associated with an increase in 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.

Facts in Support of Finding

*Parks and Recreational Programs and Facilities*

While the new residents of the Project would be expected to make use of specialized recreational facilities, such as the City’s Community Center/Senior Center, skate park, municipal swimming pool, or planned regional Smith Creek Park, the Project would also generate sales and property tax revenue to support the operation and maintenance of these facilities through the City’s General Fund to offset any physical deterioration that might occur as a result of increased public usage. Accordingly, the Project would have a less than significant impact on existing public recreational facilities and parks. In addition, the Project’s provision of active recreational facilities including neighborhood parks, mini parks, potential new Community Center, and a publicly accessible golf course would address the needs of the Project itself and the identified deficiencies in the “Gap Area No 1” identified in the Draft Resolution and Parks Master Plan and thus development would have a net beneficial impact on the City’s available recreational amenities.

3.8-4 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-7B, *Consumption of Energy*, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts associated with the encouragement of the inefficient, wasteful or unnecessary consumption of energy.

Facts in Support of Finding

*Energy*

The residential, commercial, and institutional uses to be developed as part of the Project will be designed and constructed pursuant to the applicable provisions of CCR Title 24, and the City’s energy and lighting efficiency standards. In addition, Specific Plan Design Guidelines include provision for the use of photovoltaic panels integrated into the roofline of residential structures, consistent with General Plan Energy Policy 2. All new construction facilitated by the Specific Plan would be required to comply with *California’s Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings*, contained in Title 24, Part 6, of the California Code of Regulations as amended in 2008. These standards became effective on January 1, 2010 and have been incorporated into the City’s Building Code. In addition, the Project would be required to comply with the lighting power requirements of the California Energy Code, CCR, Part 6 and Section 5.106.8 of California Green Code, which requires automatic exterior light control for nonresidential buildings. Further, the Project would reduce the number of street lights on interior streets by eliminating mid-block lights, subject to City review, and/or use of LED street lights, resulting in an energy savings. While not mandatory, the California Green Code encourages design that achieves at least a 15 percent reduction in energy usage when compared to the State’s mandatory energy efficiency standards under Tier 1. Mitigation Measure GHG-1 requires compliance with the Tier 1 standard. At Butterfield, homebuyers can have their homes constructed pursuant to Pardee’s LivingSmart program to maximize energy efficiency (refer to Section 4.5, *Climate Change*, for a detailed discussion). Therefore, the Project would not encourage the wasteful or inefficient use of energy and its impacts relative to this threshold would be less than significant.
3.8-5 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-8, Adequate Telecommunication Facilities, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts associated with the need for new systems or substantial alterations to existing communication systems.

Facts in Support of Finding

Communication Systems
Cable, internet, and phone services would be extended through the Project by their providers as part of the dry utility installations. Cell towers to serve the area are in place or can be constructed unobtrusively within the Project site if needed. Telecommunications is a consumer driven utility that will provide service as customers request that service. Since the telecommunications industry is rapidly evolving, it is not reasonable or practical to plan for technological changes over the 30-year implementation span of the Project; however, such changes can be accommodated with the Project as it develops. Installation of facilities and cabling necessary to support telecommunications is performed by the service provider as each tract in the Specific Plan is developed. As new technologies emerge, it has been the practice of service providers to upgrade their existing systems on an as-needed basis in occupied areas where infrastructure has already been installed. Based on current service provision, adequate capacity exists to serve the proposed Project. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

3.8-6 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-9A, Wastewater Treatment Requirements, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts associated with exceeding treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Facts in Support of Finding

Sanitary Sewer and Recycled Water
Whether by utilizing the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant or on-site wastewater treatment (if the City determines that development of a satellite plant is necessary), the Project would not result in an exceedance of RWQCB wastewater treatment requirements and the Project’s impact as regarding this threshold would be less than significant.

The proposed Project would pay City-assessed sewer connection fees in excess of $20 million for sewer connection in addition to ongoing user fees. Connection fees are used in part by the City to defray the cost of any necessary facility upgrades. In addition, the Project would minimize wastewater facility impacts by maximizing use of available recycled water. Water quality permitting issues are discussed in greater detail in Section 4.9, Hydrology and Water Quality. Wastewater currently discharged from the City’s Treatment Plant complies with the treatment requirements of its RWQCB-issued Permits. With payment of required connection fees and City compliance with required regulatory agency permits, the Project will not have significant impacts related to RWQCB wastewater treatment requirements.

Alternatively, for use of recycled water via the potential on-site wastewater treatment plant, the City would apply to RWQCB for an individual order setting wastewater discharge requirements (WDRs). The plant would be operated pursuant to these RWQCB requirements together with those of the Department of Health Services. As discussed in WSA Section 6.4.2.2.2.2, the City may be restricted from using recycled water that exceeds water quality objectives for total dissolved solids (TDS) and nitrogen to comply with the updated Basin Plan adopted by RWQCB Region 8 (Resolution No. R8-2004-0001). As such, the potential on-site wastewater treatment plant will also not have significant impacts related to RWQCB wastewater treatment requirements.
3.8-7 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-9C, Wastewater Treatment Requirements, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts associated with a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the Project that it has inadequate capacity to serve the Project’s projected demand in addition to the provider’s existing commitments.

Facts in Support of Finding
Refer to Analysis 4.12-9A. The wastewater treatment provider for the Project (the City of Banning) has existing and planned capacity that would exceed the combined total capacity needed to serve the Project in addition to its existing commitments and still leave a potential excess capacity of 1.76 mgd. If the City proceeds with development of an on-site satellite wastewater treatment plant, the Project would have only limited impact on the City’s existing treatment capacity at its main treatment plant.

The Project would extend sewer infrastructure from the Project site to the City’s wastewater treatment plant as part of its off-site improvements. The cost of the infrastructure improvements, including off-site lift station, would be borne by the Project. As noted above, the wastewater treatment provider would have sufficient capacity to serve the proposed Project in addition to its existing commitments and the Project’s impact would be less than significant.

The City of Banning has an adopted Capital Improvement Program that includes upgrades and expansion of the City’s wastewater treatment infrastructure sufficient to accommodate the proposed Project. The planned upgrade has already undergone environmental review and the City certified an EIR. Its 2006 Recycled Water Master Plan and its 2009-2010 Rates Study anticipate and include the construction of the Butterfield Specific Plan Project. In addition, the City’s Municipal Code allows the City to require extension of wastewater infrastructure to the Project site as a condition of approval for the Project. Accordingly, the City has and would have the capacity to serve the proposed Project as it develops over time. Therefore, this impact is less than significant.

3.9 TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

3.9-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.13-3, Result in a Change in Air Traffic Patterns or Cause Safety Risks, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in no impacts associated with a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks.

Facts in Support of Finding
The proposed Project site is located approximately 4 miles northwest of the Banning Municipal Airport. The proposed Project will not change air traffic patterns because there are no structures proposed to be constructed within the Project site that would be tall enough to encroach into or physically affect existing air traffic patterns. Also refer to Section 7.0, Effects Found Not To Be Significant, of the Draft EIR.

3.9-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.13-4, Increase Hazards, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts associated with substantially increasing hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment).

Facts in Support of Finding
The proposed Project would include an internal circulation system that would allow for efficient and unencumbered travel routes. All Project roadways would be designed and built in compliance with City of Banning, County of Riverside, CALTRANS and other relevant regulating agency development standards, requirements, and regulations. The Project site will not be subject to active “farming” involving frequent or intense use of agricultural equipment. The Applicant intends to continue allowing periodic grazing
activity on the site as a Project benefit, and such uses have historically not created any significant safety hazards, nor are they anticipated to in the future. Also refer to Section 7.0, Effects Found Not To Be Significant, of the Draft EIR.

3.9-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.13-5, Result in Inadequate Emergency Access, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in no impacts associated with inadequate emergency access.

Facts in Support of Finding
The Project proposes several ingress/egress points into the Butterfield Specific Plan Project area, which provide options for alternate emergency routes. City road design requirements provide adequate space for the passage of emergency vehicles based on the road classification width. The Project has been modified based on initial discussions with City staff to provide additional emergency access points for PAs 5 and 11.

3.9-4 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.13-6, Conflict with Adopted Policies, Plans, or Programs or Decrease Safety of Alternative Travel Facilities, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts associated with conflicting with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities.

Facts in Support of Finding
Public transit in the City of Banning is currently provided by the City’s Transit Fixed Route Division, which provides bus services and Dial-A-Ride service. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) coordinates transit services with the City of Banning. The Project would not decrease transit performance because the Project is required to consult with the City of Banning and Riverside County Transit authorities to expand scheduled bus service, to implement long-term public transportation projects, and to develop vanpools and subscription bus service where appropriate. The proposed Project includes a variety of alternative transportation modes such as a pedestrian trail system, accommodation for Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV), and bicycle lanes. These modes of transportation are consistent with the City of Banning General Plan Circulation Element because the City’s General Plan and various Policies support planning that allows and enhances access to commercial services and places of employment and recreation without the essential use of motorized vehicles. The proposed addition of pedestrian, bicycle and NEV facilities that are connected and not discontinuous, like various existing facilities within the City, will provide safe paths for pedestrians, bicycles and NEVs to travel throughout the Specific Plan area. Refer to the Butterfield Specific Plan Section 3.2, Circulation Plan, for more detail on the proposed alternative transportation facilities. Additional non-vehicular transportation measures are discussed in Section 4.5, Climate Change, of the Draft EIR. The proposed Project would not conflict with the performance of transit systems within the area or with adopted plans or programs related to pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities. Impacts would be less than significant in this regard.

3.10 WATER SUPPLY

3.10-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.14-2, New or Expanded Entitlements, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts associated with sufficient water supplies being available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or the need of new or expanded entitlements.

Facts in Support of Finding
The anticipated future Project demand would not cause the City to exceed its rights in any of the five groundwater basins from which it presently obtains its supply. Given the City’s integrated water supply
and distribution system, groundwater produced from the Beaumont, Banning, Banning Bench, Banning Canyon, or Cabazon Basins may serve the Project.

Pursuant to SB 610, a Water Supply Assessment (WSA) was prepared for the Specific Plan that determined water needs of the Specific Plan area could be met for the next 35 years. The WSA indicates that the City has a reliable water portfolio to satisfy the demands of the project in addition to planned and future uses.

For the three Banning Basins, the City does not propose increasing its pumping from any of the Banning Basins (i.e., the project average annual available supply equals to the City’s historical production from these Basins) and does not propose the construction of any new wells. Refer to Table 6.1.6.4 (WSA, Appendix J) for Banning Basins projected supply. The City is the only major producer in all three basins; minor private pumping is considered immaterial.

The City proposes an increase in the City’s pumping from the Cabazon Basin pursuant to its appropriative and developed rights in that basin. In addition, the City intends to continue its recharge of the Cabazon Basin with treated wastewater. The City’s proposed pumping from the Cabazon Basin is projected to be within the safe yield of the Cabazon Basin and not anticipated to result in adverse impacts to the Basin or impact other producers. The City’s anticipated supply from the Cabazon Basin will vary annually based on the quantity of treated wastewater supplied recharged into the basin. Refer to Table 4.14-15, City’s Projected Banning Basin Supplies (2015-2045) (All Year Types) (AFY), of the Draft EIR, for inflow and outflow terms used in calculating the Cabazon Basin’s hydrologic budget.

The Cabazon and Banning Basins are unadjudicated Basins and would not require permits or agreements for additional groundwater extraction. No new or expanded entitlements are anticipated for these particular Basins. Additionally, with implementation of Mitigation Measure WS-1, less than significant impacts are expected.

The City proposes to maintain average historical amounts from the Beaumont Basin in order to promote the accumulation of water (both from the City’s unused production rights and recharged imported water) in the City’s stored water account. Therefore, the City does not propose increases in pumping from the Beaumont Basin and does not propose pumping in excess of its rights in the basin. The City’s existing wells provide sufficient capacity to continue to produce historical amounts. All water production and storage operations in the basin are subject to the adjudication and resulting court judgment. The court’s and Watermaster’s ongoing management of the basin ensures that the City’s production of its rights in the basin, including withdrawal of water from storage, does not result in adverse impacts on the basin or material interference with other basin right holders.

Also, the applicant would pump reclaimed water from the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Phase I Upgrade to the site, for use in meeting non-potable water demands. Recycled water is expected to be available to consumers in the City of Banning beginning in 2015, when the Phase I expansion of the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant is completed and tertiary treatment of wastewater is available. This projected use of recycled water from the City’s WWTP and associated appurtenant facilities are already covered by an adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). 2

Additionally, the City purchases imported State Water Project (SWP) water from the SGPWA which it percolates into the Beaumont Basin and stores for later use; it does not take direct delivery of the supply. The City is not entitled to a specified quantity of supply from SGPWA; rather, it may purchase all of the water that SGPWA has available to sell, subject only to the demands of other retailed water customers. Historically, SGPWA has made available for purchase all of the water that the City has requested.

2 City of Banning, Water/Wastewater Utilities Department, Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration: Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Phase I Recycled Water System, May 2008.
City’s projected increase in purchases of imported water to service the Project and other future demand will not cause any new impacts not previously identified in the certified East Branch Extension – Phase II EIR3 and SGPWA Water Importation Project EIR and subsequent Addendum Nos. 2 and 3.4

Detailed descriptions of each of these projected supplies as well as the justification for the projected quantities of supply are provided in the WSA Section 6. As such, projected demand could be met through existing entitlements over the 35-year study period, and thus the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts.

4.0 FINDINGS CONCERNING IMPACTS FOUND TO BE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT WITH MITIGATION

In evaluating the potential impacts associated with the project, the Draft EIR identified potential impacts that would be less than significant with mitigation. This Section of the Statement of Facts and Findings identifies those impacts that may occur with project implementation but were found to be below the threshold of significance with recommended mitigation measures.

4.1 AESTHETICS/LIGHT AND GLARE

4.1-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.1-1, Scenic Vistas and Scenic Highways, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to impacts on a scenic vista and/or causing substantial damage of scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway with regard to the short term (construction) and interim (phasing) effects, initial mass grading and interim development, onsite backbone and offsite infrastructure, long-term effects potential onsite satellite treatment facility and above-ground reservoirs.

Facts in Support of Finding

Short-term (Construction) and Interim (Phasing) Effects
The visual character of the site would be dramatically altered as a result of the Project, however, since the site does not itself possess distinctive scenic resources such as geologic formations, historic structures or significant stands of trees, it’s grading and development would not result in a direct substantial adverse impact to scenic resources. Construction will also require temporary use and storage of heavy equipment and vehicles onsite that may be visible offsite. Pursuant to Mitigation Measure AES-6 the Applicant shall identify construction staging areas and mitigate potentially unsightly equipment by, among other things, requiring a 500 foot setback of the staging area from the nearest residences and screening where feasible.

Initial Mass Grading and Interim Development Conditions
The 4 phases of proposed mass grading will result in the short-term exposure of unvegetated soils, which must be stabilized to prevent erosion and adverse impacts to the site’s natural drainage features and surface water quality. To address this condition, the City’s grading requirements include the re-vegetation and/or re-seeding of exposed soils in the mass graded area with native plant materials at the earliest possible time (MC Chapter 18.15.020).

Onsite Backbone and Offsite Infrastructure
Mitigation Measures AES-1 through AES-5 would reduce the visual impacts to scenic resources and scenic vistas associated with the development of the Project in the construction and interim conditions as the Project builds out to a less than significant level. The measures include, among other things, revegetation, erosion control, site maintenance, construction staging with screening and setbacks as well as lighting controls. See Section 4.1, Aesthetics, Light and Glare, of the Draft EIR, for details on Mitigation Measures AES-1 through AES-5. The Project would also reduce, avoid or offset potentially adverse impacts to aesthetic resources through Project Design Features summarized in Section 3.7, Project Design Features, of the EIR.

Long-term Effects
Development of the site will result in a change in the site’s topographic relief and will change its use from open space/live stock grazing to urban development that includes a mix of residential, commercial, recreational, and open space uses. The Project’s development would not constitute a barrier to the designation of the Pass area I-10 corridor as a State scenic highway as envisioned by the County RCIP nor would it obstruct long distance views of the foothills and mountains except immediately adjacent to the development boundaries, where the foreground of homes, walls and landscape would block the line of sight. The ridgelines in the northern portion of the site will not be developed, but maintained as open space, thereby protecting long-distance views of the San Bernardino Mountains. Moreover, Mitigation Measures AES-1 through AES-5 would mitigate any short-term impacts to existing views resulting from grading activities.

Potential Onsite Satellite Treatment Facility
The potential onsite satellite water treatment facility would include mitigation measures to ensure that there is no lasting impact on visual resources or scenic vistas once construction is complete. Mitigation Measure AQ-8 requires that the construction and implementation of the wastewater treatment plant would require a conditional use permit to be approved by the City of Banning, as well as design review of the proposed site plan and building architecture, landscaping and lighting. If developed by the City, the treatment plant would be located within an approximate 3 acre site, 36 feet in height, similar to the maximum height of a residential structure, and would be set back a minimum of 20 feet from the property line. The plant’s elevation would be too low for it to be viewed from east-bound I-10, nor would it obstruct long-range views of the mountain ridgelines to the north and south from that location. All treatment processes would take place within an enclosed structure(s) constructed of decorative concrete block and residential architectural design to blend the facility into the surrounding residential community and nearby commercial uses. All employee and maintenance parking would be located within the facility’s perimeter walls. In visual aspect, the treatment plant would not differ significantly from nearby commercial development, nor would it cause a substantial impact on a scenic vista.

Above-ground Reservoirs
The development of the proposed Project includes the construction of approximately three above ground water storage reservoirs, as described in Section 4.1.2.1, Interim Development Setting, of the Draft EIR. Reservoir 1 would be constructed during development phase 1 in one of two possible locations. If located on the proposed school site, the reservoir would be buried underground and would have no impacts on scenic vistas; however, if located on the other alternative site, the pad elevation (2,790 amsl) of the reservoir would be visible from the surrounding community, though the degree of visibility would vary depending upon location, distance, and the presence of visual obstructions such as foreground structures and mature vegetation, tank coloration and the gradual maturing of screening vegetation both around the reservoir and within the surrounding community. Reservoir 2 would be located at an elevation of 3,038 amsl and Reservoir 3 would be located at an elevation of 3,205, which may be visible from the surrounding community and/or the eastbound I-10 corridor. A typical reservoir for this type of development could potentially be as much as 36 feet high with a 110 foot diameter. However, as indicated
in Project Design Features 7 and required by Mitigation Measure AES-7, the exterior of the reservoirs would be painted with a matte-finish, earth-toned coating to allow them to blend into the surrounding hillside and would be further screened by perimeter and slope landscape. The combination of appropriate color coating and landscape screening would reduce the above ground reservoirs long-term impacts on scenic vistas to a less than significant level.

4.1-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.1-2, Visual Character, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to degrading the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings with regard to the short term (construction) and interim (phasing) effects, initial mass grading and interim development conditions, onsite and offsite infrastructure, and long-term effects.

Facts in Support of Finding

Refer to above Impacts, specifically Finding 4.1-1. The following discussion supplements the analysis contained in those Findings above.

Short-term (Construction) and Interim (Phasing) Effects
Refer to above Impacts, Finding 4.1-1. The implementation of the proposed Project will occur in phases over a 30-year period. Proposed site development would involve construction activities that may potentially impact the existing visual character and quality of the Project site and surrounding areas incrementally over a substantial period of time. At no point would the construction activity occur over the entire site at once. The staging and operation of heavy equipment, the appearance of graded areas prior to temporary or permanent re-vegetation, and material and debris stockpiles could result in a temporary degradation of the aesthetic qualities and visual character of the Project site and immediately surrounding area; however implementation Mitigation Measures AES-2, AES-3, and AES-5, in addition to the enforcement of existing provisions of the City’s Municipal Code, and implementation of the Specific Plan’s grading standards would reduce the impacts to the visual quality of the site in both the short-term construction and interim phase conditions to a less than significant level by requiring re-vegetation of graded surfaces including slopes as soon as feasible after grading is completed, requiring contour grading of slopes in excess of 10 feet in height, requiring slope stabilization using hydromulch and other biodegradable and natural appearing materials and techniques to the extent feasible, avoiding large stockpiles of dirt, requiring contractors to maintain construction and grading sites clear of debris and trash, and mandating the location of staging areas at least 500 feet from residences and requiring screening of these areas.

Initial Mass Grading and Interim Development Conditions
As noted in the previous findings above, the Project site will be mass graded in approximately four phases. Exposed, graded surfaces, construction debris, construction equipment, and heavy truck traffic would be visible in various locations at various times during the lengthy implementation phase of the project; however construction phase impacts would be temporary and, with the exception of mass grading, very limited as to scope and location. In addition, the gradual installation of permanent landscape pursuant to the landscape guidelines contained in the Specific Plan over the course of the Project’s development will provide further visual relief and gradually transform the appearance of the Project site. Accordingly, impacts to the visual character and quality of the site and surrounding area associated with Project implementation, especially in the early phases of development, would be reduced to less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

Onsite and Offsite Infrastructure Drainage Facilities
The construction of the proposed offsite drainage improvements include offsite excavation, grading and construction of inlet structures, construction of a multi-use basin north of the potential future extension of
Brookside Avenue, realignment of Smith Creek onsite, and channel improvements to the Smith Creek drainage south of the culvert beneath Wilson Street. The potential drainage improvements would be at grade and would result in minimal impacts to visual character once construction is completed and vegetation is re-established. The short-term visual effects associated with construction of proposed on and offsite Smith Creek improvements would result in a less than significant impact on visual character.

Optional Onsite Satellite Treatment Facility
Construction phase impacts would be temporary and would not differ from impacts associated with the balance of the development.

Long-term Effects
Development of the proposed Project would replace the vacant grassland character of the site, with a residential, institutional, commercial and recreational development including a golf course, and both natural and landscaped open space. Accordingly, the visual character of the Project site does not necessarily mean that the visual character or quality of the site is “degraded”. The proposed Project is not located in a designated Open Space District, does not contain unique geologic features, visual resources, or cultural/historical resources, and is not located in (or regulated by) an adopted Corridor Protection Plan. Used for occasional cattle grazing, the site is highly disturbed and vegetated primarily with non-native grasses and chaparral, with the exception of scattered brush and trees in the upper and lower reaches of Smith Creek. Highland Springs Avenue, particularly in its higher elevations, would continue to provide a view corridor from which motorists and pedestrians would have views both north and south to the mountain ridgelines of the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains. The widening and extension of Highland Home Road would provide an additional view corridor to the mountains and foothills from Wilson Street. Mid-range views of the site’s foothill area would still be available, though ultimately altered by development.

The Butterfield Specific Plan includes Grading Standards that incorporate contour grading to soften the appearance of manufactured slopes and allow for a blending of man-created and natural topography. The Project’s land use plan incorporates open space planning areas in the far northern and eastern edges of the Project site where elevations are highest to preserve natural edges as they blend into the rugged adjacent foothills.

The Specific Plan Landscape Guidelines include utilization of native, drought-tolerant species, which would contribute to a sense of unity with the surrounding environment by enhancing compatibility with the adjacent natural landscape.

The land use plan also identifies easement areas, which provide a setback of approximately 430 feet (100 feet onsite and 330 feet offsite) between the proposed Project development and existing residential developments along the Project’s southeastern border. This setback reduces the potential impacts of development on existing residences located in the vicinity of this portion of the Project by providing significant open space between these homes and the development edge. Uses proposed for these open space areas are consistent with the requirements of MC Chapter 17.24-010-050 (Open Space Districts), would substantially enhance the internal appearance of the Project site, and would further reduce any adverse impacts on the visual character and quality of the site and the surrounding area.

Accordingly, while development of the proposed Project would alter the existing disturbed grassland aesthetic and visual character of the project site by developing the site as a suburban community, the Project would not degrade the existing visual character and quality of the site and the surrounding area. Rather, at build out the proposed Project would enhance the visual character of the Project and the visual quality of the site and its surrounding area.
4.1-11 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.1-3, Light and Glare, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to creating a new source of light or glare, which would adversely affect day and nighttime views in the area with regard to interim development and construction condition.

Facts in Support of Finding

Interim Development and Construction Condition
Short-term construction activities could include nighttime security lighting, that would potentially introduce new sources of light and glare into the Project site and surrounding properties during the mass grading and infrastructure construction phase, and throughout remaining construction phase(s) of the proposed Project. Construction of offsite infrastructure improvements within public street right of way could occur at night to avoid disruption of traffic and/or to expedite installation. Night lighting onsite could affect adjacent residential uses along the Project’s southern boundary (south side of Wilson) and along Highland Home Road and the residences located in adjacent subdivisions at the eastern boundary of the Project site. Locating staging areas a minimum of 500 feet from residential uses to the extent feasible, and requiring that all temporary security lighting be designed and located so as to avoid intrusive effects on adjacent properties as required by Mitigation Measure AES-5, and adherence to the requirements of the City’s lighting ordinance would effectively mitigate the potential impacts of onsite night security lighting during the construction phases of the Project. Night construction lighting during the installation of offsite infrastructure could be disruptive to adjacent residential uses or could introduce light into currently dark areas of the hillside in the case of the potential future extension of the State Water Project line. Screening of construction areas where night lighting is used could reduce this impact, which would in any case be temporary, short term, and would cease upon completion of installation of offsite pipelines.

Since on- and offsite pipelines would be underground, long-term operational impacts associated with light and glare are not anticipated. Minimal security lighting may be implemented at the lift station near the intersection of Omar Street and Ramsey Street; however, since the lift station would be located in an existing commercial area along a major arterial, impacts related to light and glare from this Project feature are considered less than significant.

As each phase is developed, permanent landscape and lighting treatments will provide a visual and light/glare buffer between construction areas and existing onsite and offsite areas. In addition, conformance with the provisions of the City’s lighting ordinance and adherence to the lighting control provisions of Mitigation Measure AES-5 and AES-7 will reduce temporary light and glare impacts throughout the construction and interim implementation phases of the Project to less than significant levels.

4.2 AIR QUALITY

4.2-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.3-4, Odors, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated with regard to creating objectionable odors that would affect a substantial number of people.

Facts in Support of Finding

Short-Term Odors
Potential short-term odors could arise from the diesel construction equipment used on-site, as well as from architectural coatings and asphalt off-gassing. Emissions produced during grading and construction activities are short-term, as they would exist only in close proximity to the specific construction activity. Although construction would occur over a 25-year period, these activities would occur at different
locations as the equipment moves throughout the 1,543 acre project site. Also, construction odors would be subject to the requirements of SCAQMD Rule 402 which prevents odor nuisance to surrounding receptors. With Mitigation Measure AQ-7 which requires measures during construction to substantially reduce NOX related emissions, the short-term odor impacts would be less than significant.

Operational Odors
The Project includes a site for a potential satellite wastewater treatment plant. If the City decides to develop the plant, it would be fully enclosed, and would operate on a 24-hour basis, with approximately 16 hours of operational staff time per week. The satellite wastewater treatment plant would not involve outdoor settling ponds or wet weather basins, would be fully enclosed, and would have to comply with the City Municipal Code Section 13.20 and SCAQMD Rule 402 requirements for odor control and would require a conditional use permit pursuant to Mitigation Measure AQ-8.

4.3 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

4.3-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.4-1, Sensitive Species and Habitats, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated with regard to having a 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 (CDFG) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Facts in Support of Finding
The proposed Project development is not expected to result in a significant reduction of the populations of the species in the regional and projected long-term habitat impacts, therefore the Project is not considered significant and short term impacts would be addressed through Mitigation Measures BIO-1 and BIO-2.

Off-site Project infrastructure will be located within the right of way of existing public streets or within developed or developing commercial and residential neighborhoods and would have no direct or indirect impacts on biological resources. Mitigation measures will reduce potentially significant impacts to nesting migratory birds or burrowing owls during the construction phase of the project to less than significant levels.

4.3-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.4-2, Sensitive Natural Communities, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would (a) result in a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated with regard to having a adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the CDFG or USFWS and would (b) result in a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated with regard to having a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means.

Facts in Support of Finding
With the implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-3, which requires compensatory mitigation of the Project impacts to jurisdictional riparian/riverine and wetland habitat pursuant to the requirements and regulations of the USACE, CDFG and RWQCB, CDFG and the RCA and compliance with any permit/agreement conditions and mitigation measures imposed by the permitting agencies, Project impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level.

4.3-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.4-3, Habitat Conservation Plans, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated with regard to conflicts with the
provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

Facts in Support of Finding
The Project site is located within an MSHCP survey area for burrowing owls. With the implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO-5, Project impacts related to Habitat Conservation Plans would be reduced to a less than significant level. These mitigation measures for impacts to sensitive species, riparian/riverine habitats, and urban/wildlands interface are consistent with the MSHCP.

4.4 CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

4.4-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.6-1, Paleontological Resources, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to directly or indirectly destroying a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature.

Facts in Support of Finding
On-Site Construction and Operation
To reduce the potential for adverse impacts on paleontological resources as a result of on and off-site grading and excavation activities, Mitigation Measure CUL-1 is proposed. This mitigation measure would require preparation of a paleontological resource impact mitigation program (PRIMP) for the grading and excavation phases of the Project, in order to reduce potential impacts to unknown paleontological resources to a less than significant level. The PRIMP would include monitoring, salvage, processing, and collection of discovered resources, with findings of the evaluation submitted to the City of Banning.

Off-Site Infrastructure
The initial phase of Project development and subsequent phases will include trenching and installation of off-site infrastructure improvements consisting primarily of drainage improvements and underground pipeline. There is a potential that these off-site improvements would occur in areas underlain by Pleistocene sediments having potential to support paleontological resources similar to those that could be unearthed on-site. This impact would be significant without mitigation; however, implementation of Mitigation Measure CUL-1 would reduce this impact to a less than significant level. Potential adverse Project effects are also “mitigated” through the various existing regulations and ordinances noted above. In addition, the Project has reduced, avoided or offset potentially adverse impacts to cultural resources through Project Design Features (all of which are summarized in Section 3.8, Project Design Features, of the Specific Plan).

4.4-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.6-2, Archaeological Resources, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to causing a adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15064.5.

Facts in Support of Finding
Most of the Project site will be disturbed by grading activities required for implementation of the Specific Plan. Accordingly, Mitigation Measures CUL-2 and CUL-3 will be required. These mitigation measures require the presence of a qualified archaeological monitor on-site during the initial mass grading phases of the Project, as well as during deep trench excavations, to assess the significance of resources, including human remains that may be discovered during such activities. With implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-2 and CUL-3, potential impacts to archaeological resources as the result of Project implementation and off-site infrastructure improvements would be reduced to a less than significant level.
4.4-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.6-3, Historical Resources, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to causing a adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5.

Facts in Support of Finding
A portion of the historic Bradshaw Road traversed the northern portion of the site; however, no portion of the road was uncovered during a field survey. A search of State and Local Registers of Historic Resources found no historical resources listed within the Project site or improvement areas. Three potential resources were uncovered but two were determined ineligible for listing and the third, a historic refuse deposit, had minimal data potential. Implementation of Mitigation Measure CUL-3 will reduce potential impacts to this potentially historic resource to a less than significant level. Mitigation Measure CUL-3 requires that all earthmoving activities occurring within 30 meters of this potential resource shall be monitored by a qualified archaeologist. If historic remnants are discovered during ground disturbing activities, the archaeologist shall have the authority to halt or divert grading to allow for the assessment of the discovered resources. One hundred nineteen (119) historic buildings have been identified within a one-mile radius of the Project site by previous surveys; however, these previously identified structures would not be significantly impacted by the proposed off-site infrastructure improvements, and no further study is required. As a result, impacts to historic-era structures resulting from the construction of off-site infrastructure are considered less than significant.

4.4-4 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.6-4, Human Remains, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to resulting in the disturbance of any human remains, including those inferred outside of formal cemeteries.

Facts in Support of Finding
No known formal gravesites have been identified within the Project area; however, due to the known prehistoric use and habitation of the area in general and the identification of archaeological resources in the vicinity of the Project site, the possibility that human remains could be encountered during grading, trenching, or other earth-moving activities as a result of Project implementation does exist. Any disturbance of human remains as the result of Project would be considered a significant adverse impact. Mitigation Measure CUL-2 requires an archaeological monitor on-site during grading activities and Mitigation Measure CUL-4 requires compliance with all applicable State and federal regulations concerning preservation, salvage, or handling of human remains that could be uncovered as a result of grading and excavation. Implementation of applicable State laws, existing State and federal standards and policies and Mitigation Measures CUL-2 and CUL-4 would ensure that human remains are not damaged if unearthed within the Project area, and that any such remains would be handled appropriately, therefore, the result of Project Implementation would be reduced to a less than significant level.

In addition, Mitigation Measure CUL-2 requires monitoring of all off-site land disturbance activities by a qualified archaeological monitor. Mitigation Measure CUL-4 requires compliance with all applicable State and federal regulations concerning preservation, salvage, or handling of human remains should those be uncovered. Compliance with these regulations and with implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-2 and CUL-4, potential impacts to human remains as the result of off-site improvements would be reduced to a less than significant level.

4.5 GEOLOGY, SOILS, AND SEISMECITY
4.5-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.7-1b, Ground Shaking, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to exposing people or structures to potential
substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving strong seismic ground shaking.

**Facts in Support of Finding**
The Project site is located within a seismically active region of southern California, is traversed by various faults, and would likely be subjected to strong seismic ground shaking, which is considered the most serious seismic hazard likely to impact the Project. Pursuant to the requirements of the Municipal Code, the City’s Department of Building and Safety would ensure that building plans conform to all applicable structural requirements prior to the issuance of a building permit for any structure to be constructed on the Project site. Conformance with these requirements would be monitored during construction by City building inspectors and would be confirmed prior to the issuance of certificate of occupancy for any structure. These measures would ensure that all Project structures are designed and built in conformance with the recommendations contained in the applicable geotechnical study and, pursuant to Mitigation Measure GEO-1, the most current seismic requirements of the adopted State of California building codes and any additional code requirements adopted by the City of Banning, and therefore would reduce potential adverse effects on structures due to ground shaking to a less than significant level.

**4.5-2 Finding**
As identified in Impact 4.7-1d, *Landslides*, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to exposing people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving landslides.

**Facts in Support of Finding**
As required by the City’s Building Code and Grading Code and Mitigation Measures GEO-2 and GEO-3, site-specific evaluation of geologic conditions prior to the grading design for each tract within the Specific Plan Project area will be required and would provide the basis for the development of site-specific design criteria needed and ensure that grading and drainage plans for manufactured slopes minimize the potential effects of landslides. The City would ensure that Project grading and drainage plans were designed pursuant to these site-specific criteria through the City’s plan check process prior to the issuance of grading permits. Compliance with permitted grading and drainage plans would be monitored through the construction phase by City inspectors and certification of the stability of building pads and slopes would be required prior to the issuance of building permits for any structures on lots with slope exposure. These measures, together with compliance with other applicable regulations contained in the City’s Title 18 Grading Standards and Building Code and General Plan EIR Geotechnical Element mitigation measures, would ensure that adverse effects associated with on-site landslide potential would be reduced to a less than significant level. Also, the 2007 *Limited Geotechnical Observation* did not identify any specific geologic conditions in the off-site locations of Project-associated infrastructure that would make landslides a concern.

**4.5-3 Finding**
As identified in Impact 4.7-3, *Unstable Soils*, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to being located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as the result of the project, and potentially result in on-or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

**Facts in Support of Finding**
While the Project site is traversed by both Banning fault segments, compliance with requirements for building setbacks from the fault zones would ensure that no structures are constructed on unstable geological units. The Project is not located on soil that is unstable or could become unstable as the result of the Project. With implementation of grading plans that are consistent with the requirements of the 2010 (or most current) CBC and the City’s Title 18 Grading Standards and Title 15 Building Code, and
Mitigation Measures GEO-2, the Project’s development would not result in significant impacts due to unstable soils or geologic units.

4.6 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

4.6-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.8-1, Use and Transport of Hazardous Materials, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to creating a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials with regard to project construction phase impacts.

Facts in Support of Finding
As part of the implementation of the Butterfield Specific Plan Project, the developer and its contractors/subcontractors would be required to comply with existing hazardous materials regulations, which are codified in Titles 8, 22, and 26 of the California code of Regulations, and their enabling legislation set forth in Chapter 6.95 of the California Health and Safety Code as well as with the applicable provisions of Title 14 of the Natural Resources Code as regards the disposal of inert construction debris. In addition, the Project would be required to comply with applicable federal, State, and local laws and regulations pertaining to the transport, use, and disposal of hazardous waste, including, but not limited to, Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulation and as implemented by Title 13 of the CCR. In addition, Mitigation Measures HAZ-1, which requires preparation and implementation of a construction contingency plan, HAZ-2, which requires specific standards for the maintenance and fueling of construction equipment on-site, shall be implemented during the construction phase(s) of the proposed Project. Mitigation Measures HAZ-1 through HAZ-3, together with implementation and compliance with existing regulations, all ensured by regular inspection by of the construction site by City inspectors and inspectors from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, would reduce potentially significant construction phase impacts related to the routine use, transport or disposal of hazardous materials and hazardous wastes to less than significant levels.

4.6-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.8-2, Risk of Upset, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from creating a hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment, specifically from an existing abandoned well, debris removal, illegal dumping, abandoned equipment, and a high-pressure gas line, construction phase accidental releases, and operational phase impacts.

Facts in Support of Finding
The Phase I ESA identified a water well on the Project site that appeared to have been abandoned and is described as being in poor condition. Unless properly abandoned and capped, the well could provide a route for the migration of surface contaminants, including nitrates and bacteria from cattle waste and hazardous wastes associated with construction, into the groundwater. Implementation of Mitigation Measure HAZ-4 would require the proper abandonment and capping of the on-site well prior to the start of grading on the Project site. With this mitigation, risk of upset associated with potential contamination conducted by the well casing would be reduced to a less than significant level.

Debris Removal, Illegal dumping, and Abandoned Equipment
The Phase I ESA identified a diesel engine, an associated water well pump, and five damaged automotive batteries on a concrete pad, along with the apparently abandoned water well in the southern portion of the Project site. In addition, debris piles containing asphalt debris, tires, automotive parts, and other potentially hazardous materials were identified in various locations on the site. Residues from these materials may be present in the soil within the Project site, potentially requiring not only removal of the
solid debris but also removal and/or treatment of contaminated soils in the vicinity of the debris piles. Mitigation Measure HAZ-5 would require the removal and appropriate disposal of debris; including potentially hazardous waste and any soil that may have been contaminated by this debris, and would result in a significant improvement over the existing condition. Implementation of Mitigation Measure HAZ-5 would also ensure that removal of the debris, including any potentially hazardous or toxic components, would be handled by appropriately licensed and trained contractors and waste haulers. Mitigation Measure HAZ-5 also requires additional assessment of all debris piles located on the site prior to grading and clearing with additional testing and implementation of appropriate methods of handling and disposal as may be required to ensure full compliance with applicable State and federal regulations.

**High Pressure Gas Line**

The Phase I ESA update (2007) identified the presence of a high-pressure natural gas pipeline traversing the Project site. Accidental or intentional rupture of the underground natural gas pipeline during grading, trenching or other construction-related activities could result in environmental contamination, fire, or explosion. The risk of an accidental rupture would be greatest during the site clearing and excavation phases, when earthmoving and utility trenching equipment are adjacent to a pipeline. Mitigation Measure HAZ-6 would require contact with DigAlert prior to the start of grading operations and close coordination with SCGC prior to and during grading and trenching activities in the vicinity of the pipeline to provide the maximum feasible protection of workers and property. Mitigation Measure HAZ-7 would require appropriate horizontal and vertical separation between the pipeline and both wet and dry utility installations and crossings and monumentation to mark the location of the pipeline through the developed Project site.

It should be noted that when the adjacent Sundance project in the City of Beaumont was developed, the Gas Co. replaced the pipeline through that project and further to the west, and also replaced non-residential grade pipeline to the east through the Fiesta project. As part of this work the Gas Co. replaced the non-residential grade pipeline a distance of 600 feet into the Butterfield project site from both the west and east boundaries. It is typically acceptable for public streets and the golf course to overlay the pipeline along its alignment through the Project site; however, residential lots may not overlay the pipeline. Accordingly, the Project has been designed to ensure that the pipeline is located under the public streets or within the golf course area.

School sites are required to observe a 1000 foot setback from the outer edge of the high pressure gas line easement. As currently located, the southerly proposed school site in Planning Area 20 is approximately 1,400 feet from the gas line and the northerly school site in Planning area 68 is over 8,000 feet from the gas line. Accordingly, both proposed school sites meet these setback requirements.

Pursuant to existing regulations, implementation of Mitigation Measures HAZ-6 and HAZ-7, the risk of upset associated with the presence of an operating high pressure natural gas pipeline would be reduced to a less than significant level.

**Construction Phase Accidental Releases**

The proposed Project includes approximately four phases of mass grading as well as multiple phases of rough grading and precise grading for each of the residential neighborhoods, golf course, and commercial site. Since grading involves the use of heavy equipment, which must be fueled and serviced on the site during the course of grading operations, fuel may be stored in a temporary above ground storage tank and/or may be supplied by tanker trucks. Installation of temporary above ground fuel storage on construction sites may also be regulated locally. To further minimize the potential risk of upset impacts that could be created by an above ground fuel storage tank Mitigation Measure HAZ-8, which requires appropriate permitting prior to installation and appropriate site maintenance and use subsequent to

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5 Specific easement conditions, pipeline alignments, and construction details are developed on a case-by-case basis following PUC and Gas Company policies and regulations.
installation, shall be required. In the event hazardous substance and/or contaminated soil are encountered during site grading, work shall immediately cease in the area and the property owner/developer shall notify the Riverside County Fire Department Hazardous Materials Unit located in FS 20 in Beaumont, the County Department of Environmental Health HAZMAT team in Riverside, and the City Public Works Department. Additionally, implementation of Mitigation Measure HAZ-3 would ensure that the Project site is remediated of all existing potentially hazardous materials, including batteries, pipelines, engines, tires and other debris.

*Operational Phase Impacts*

The routine transport, use, and disposal of hazardous materials can result in hazards to people and the environment, due to the potential for accidental release. Such hazards are typically associated with certain types of land uses, such as chemical manufacturing facilities, industrial processes, waste disposal, and storage and distribution facilities. At full build-out, the proposed Project would consist of single family and multi-family residences, commercial development (e.g. retail and office development), two schools, a golf course, parks and open space, and a potential satellite wastewater treatment plant. With the exception of the wastewater treatment plant, none of these land uses is expected to use significant quantities of hazardous materials or to generate significant quantities of hazardous wastes requiring transport. If the treatment plant is built, it would be further conditioned through the conditional use permit process, as required by Mitigation Measure AQ-8.

4.6-3 Finding

As identified in Impact 4.8-5, *Emergency Management Plans*, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from the implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.

*Facts in Support of Finding*

The proposed Project would not impair implementation of the city’s Emergency Plan. The City has not established emergency evacuation routes although, depending on the location and extent of an emergency, major surface streets and I-10 could be utilized to route traffic through the City. The Project would be required by current regulations to provide adequate ingress and egress, street width, turning radius, fire hydrants and adequate fire flow before certificates of occupancy could be issued. Implementation of Mitigation Measure HAZ-9 would require pre-construction consultation with the Fire Department to establish protocols for response and access by emergency vehicles during each phase of Project construction. Mitigation Measure HAZ-10 would require preparation and implementation of a construction traffic management plan that would ensure that evacuation and emergency response routes remain functional during all construction phases both on and off-site. Approval of the Plan by the city and potentially by the Fire Department prior to the issuance of encroachment permits allowing work within the public right of way. Enforcement of the provisions of the approved Traffic Control Plan would be the responsibility of the City during the course of Project construction. With the implementation of existing regulations and Mitigation Measures HAZ-9 and HAZ-10, the construction phase impacts of the Project on emergency access and response would be reduced to a less than significant level.

4.6-4 Finding

As identified in Impact 4.8-6, *Wildland Fires*, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from exposing people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildland.

*Facts in Support of Finding*

Portions of the Project site are locally designated Hazardous Fire Areas and the site also includes property designated as High, and Very High fire hazard severity zones by the City’s General Plan and the State
FHSZ mapping program; however, pursuant to the Cal Fire 2010 Very High Fire Severity Zone Map, only a small portion of the Project site is located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), as shown on the Exhibit 4.8-1, Wildfire Susceptibility Map. In addition to required compliance with the applicable provisions of the city of Banning’s Municipal Code Chapters dealing with fire safety and its Building Code, which incorporate in their entirety the provisions of the 2010 CBC, 2010 CRC, the following mitigation measures are imposed to further reduce the potential impacts of wildfire that could be associated with the implementation of the proposed Project. With Project Design Features noted above, adherence to the Fire Department requirements, applicable laws and regulations and implementation of Mitigation Measures PSU-1a and PSU-1b, Project impacts related to wildland fires would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

4.7 HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

4.7-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.9-2, Drainage, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from substantially altering the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, and increase impervious surfaces, which could substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site.

Facts in Support of Finding
The development of the proposed Project would alter existing drainage patterns through the realignment of Smith Creek and grading that would increase the amount of site area that would drain to Smith Creek as compared to existing conditions. Accordingly, while the proposed Project drainage improvements, including off-site grading and construction of the debris/desilting basins would alter the existing drainage patterns, implementation of these improvements would ultimately allow for optimal drainage throughout the site and would offer improved stormwater flow downstream of the Project area. To ensure that compliance with the Specific Plan’s Drainage Plan Guidelines, Mitigation Measure HWQ-1 identifies specific requirements associated with subsequent Tentative Tract maps, site plans, grading plans and improvement plans prior to issuance of applicable permits. Adherence to these requirements will result in a less than significant impact.

4.7-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.9-4, 100 Year Flood Hazard, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from placing housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map.

Facts in Support of Finding
As indicated on Exhibit 4.9-2, Flood Hazards Map, of the Draft EIR, a portion of the proposed Project is currently located within a mapped 100-year floodplain. The Project site will be designed to effectively drain the Project area into Smith Creek and/or Pershing Channel and will include improvements that would reduce the potential for flooding due to sheet flow or flash flood conditions. The main purpose of the backbone drainage system proposed for the project is to ensure that effective drainage is provided throughout the development further reducing the potential risk associated with flooding. The development of the Project would not result in the placement of structures within the 100-year flood plain and there would be a less than significant impact with implementation of Mitigation Measure HWQ-1.

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7 City of Banning Comprehensive General Plan and Zoning Ordinance EIR, Exhibit III-16, Terra Nova Planning, Inc., 2005
4.7-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.9-5, Flooding, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from exposing people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam.

Facts in Support of Finding
The Project site is not located within the mapped inundation area of any dam. There are no levees on or near the site. Flood control facilities described in the “Existing Conditions” portion of this Section would protect the Project site from flooding, including flash floods in Smith Creek. As proposed, the Project’s backbone drainage facilities will mitigate the runoff under the developed condition that could potentially create flooding hazards. There is no significant basin failure hazard, as the basin will be excavated rather than creating a “dam” face (the basin would not fall under the jurisdiction of the State’s Division of Safety of Dams), and flows would be detained within the downstream facilities along the golf course fairway. Temporary basins shall be constructed to meet detention requirements and earthen channels/berms shall be used to divert and convey flows during construction phases (refer to Mitigation Measure HWQ-1). Accordingly, impacts would be less than significant with implementation of Mitigation Measure HWQ-1.

4.8 LAND USE AND PLANNING

4.8-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.10-3, Conflict with Any Applicable Habitat Conservation Plan or Natural Community Conservation Plan, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from conflicts with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan.

Facts in Support of Finding
The Butterfield Specific Plan Project is located in the City of Banning, with is signatory to the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSHCP). The site is not located in a criteria cell and does not contain critical habitat for any species the MSHCP includes requirements for the protection of Riparian/Riverine Areas and Vernal Pools (MSHCP Section 6.1.2) and Narrow Endemic Species (MSHCP Section 6.1.3). Compliance with MSHCP requirements and with the mitigation measures contained in Section 4.4 of the Draft EIR and the requirements of jurisdictional permits required for the proposed disturbance of a minor amount of existing riparian habitat will assure consistency with applicable conservation plans and therefore the impact would be less than significant.

4.9 NOISE

4.9-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.11-1, Short-Term Construction Noise Impacts, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from a temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the Project vicinity above levels existing without the Project.

Facts in Support of Finding
The Project site would be developed in five main phases over a period of approximately 30 years, with an estimated 180 dwelling units to be developed per year on average. Appropriate levels of infrastructure and any required improvements would be provided as development proceeds. In many cases, Project-related noise would be further buffered from adjacent receptors by intervening topography or structures, or by adjacent streets and/or drainage channels, and off-site areas also include perimeter walls, all of which would serve to reduce the net noise impact during Project construction and operation. The City’s General
Plan EIR notes that noise associated with future construction would impact adjacent lands; however, these impacts are expected to be short term. While recognizing that there may occasionally be noise impacts associated with heavy construction equipment, Project-specific implementation of General Plan EIR required mitigation measures and City Code requirements were determined to be sufficient to assure that reasonable noise levels would be maintained on and off-site during the construction phase of projects implemented pursuant to the General Plan. Implementation of Mitigation Measure NOI-1 includes both Project-specific mitigations and mitigation measures required by the City’s General Plan EIR to reduce construction noise impacts by requiring the applicant to submit a Construction Noise Management Plan to the City’s Building Official. Additionally, Mitigation Measure NOI-2 would help reduce noise impacts by requiring an Applicant-provided Noise Disturbance Coordinator to enforce noise attenuating construction requirements. With the implementation of Mitigation Measures NOI-1 and -2, and conformance with the requirements of Chapter 8.44 of the City’s Municipal Code, construction-related noise on sensitive receptors would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

4.9-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.11-2, Construction-Related Vibration Impacts, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from exposing persons to or generating excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels.

Facts in Support of Finding
The City of Banning Municipal Code does not include a threshold standard for determining the significance of vibration impacts. In the absence of vibration thresholds in the City of Banning Municipal Code, guidance from Caltrans is utilized. Implementation of Mitigation Measure NOI-3 would ensure less than significant construction related vibration impacts during construction by requiring the operation of vibration generating equipment as far away from vibration-sensitive uses as feasible.

4.9-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.11-3, Long-Term Mobile Noise Impacts, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from a permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project.

Facts in Support of Finding
Long-term development within the Project area would result in additional traffic on adjacent roadways, and an increase in vehicular noise in the vicinity of the existing and proposed land uses. In addition to the typical noise reduction of 20 dBA for closed windows, once more detailed grading and Highland Home Road improvement plans have been developed. Mitigation Measure NOI-4 would require completion of a focused noise study\(^8\) for sensitive receptors along Highland Home Road (on-site and off-site) and Wilson Street to determine specific noise reduction measures required, if any, to ensure the proposed project meets the City of Banning exterior and interior noise standards. Based on the above, and requirement for Project-level mitigation of Highland Home Road noise impacts, Project-related impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level.

4.9-4 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.11-4, General Plan and Noise Ordinance or Applicable Standards, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from exposing persons to noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies.

\(^8\) A construction-level acoustic study is not practical at this time, as this study requires final improvement and grading plans to verify elevations, road geometry, and topography.
Facts in Support of Finding
The City’s General Plan EIR notes that noise associated with future construction would impact adjacent lands; however, these impacts are expected to be short term. While recognizing that there may occasionally be noise impacts associated with heavy construction equipment, Project specific implementation of General Plan EIR required mitigation measures and City Code Requirements were determined to be sufficient to assure that reasonable noise levels would be maintained on and off-site during the construction phase of projects implemented pursuant to the General Plan. The General Plan EIR specifies both general and construction phase mitigation measures, all of which have either been incorporated into Chapter 8.44 (Noise) of the City’s Municipal Code or cited in Section 4.11, Noise, of the Draft EIR, as Mitigation Measures NOI-1, -2, and -3 for the proposed Project. The General Plan EIR concluded that, with implementation of these mitigation measures and Code requirements, construction noise impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

Two of the locations where potentially significant Project-related traffic noise increases may occur have sound attenuation features the effects of which are not reflected in the forecasted noise levels. Along Highland Springs Road between Starlight and 8th, the existing Sundance homes to the west of the project site are located in the City of Beaumont and have perimeter block walls along the frontage to provide some sound attenuation. Future development areas along the east side of this stretch of road are within the City of Banning and would be designed to provide adequate attenuation pursuant to the outdoor and indoor noise level requirements specified in the City Code. Along Highland Springs Road between 8th and 6th, there are either commercial uses that do not require attenuation, or future project areas that would be designed to incorporate sound attenuation features pursuant to City Code. In addition to the typical noise reduction of 20-dBA for closed windows, once more detailed grading and Highland Home Road improvement plans have been developed; Mitigation Measure NOI-4 would require completion of a focused noise study9 for sensitive receptors along Highland Home Road (on-site and off-site) and Wilson Street to determine specific noise reduction measures required, if any, to ensure the proposed project meets the City of Banning exterior and interior noise standards. Based on the above, and requirement for Project-level mitigation of Highland Home Road noise impacts, Project related impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level.

4.9-5 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.11-5, Operational Stationary Source Noise Impacts, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from stationary-source noise impacts on nearby sensitive receptors.

Facts in Support of Finding
Noise from residential stationary sources would primarily occur during the “daytime” activity hours. The City’s Code provides procedures for complaints and enforcement of violations of the City’s noise standards which provide adequate mitigation for occasional violations of the noise standards by individual homeowners. Accordingly, noise impacts to surrounding uses associated with implementation of the proposed project are anticipated to be less than significant.

Non-Residential Uses
It should be noted that the potential wastewater treatment plant, if developed by the City, would be a completely enclosed facility and therefore is not anticipated to generate a significant increase in ambient noise. In addition, construction of the wastewater treatment plant would be required to implement Mitigation Measure NOI-5 requiring the wastewater treatment plant to obtain a conditional use permit (CUP) and would be required to perform an acoustical analysis, to be approved by the City of Banning, ensuring that the wastewater treatment plant would adhere to noise level thresholds established in the City of Banning General Plan and City Code. With implementation of Mitigation Measure NOI-5, noise

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9 A construction-level acoustic study is not practical at this time, as this study requires final improvement and grading plans to verify elevation, road geometry, and topography.
impacts associated with truck deliveries and trash pickup and compaction would be reduced to a less than significant level.

4.10 PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES

4.10-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-1, Need for New or Physically Altered Fire Facilities, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from adverse environmental impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered fire protection facilities or the need for new or physically altered fire protection facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance standards.

Facts in Support of Finding
In addition to Mitigation Measure PSU-1, the Project will also address the reduction of wildland fire hazard through the implementation of State and local regulations and Mitigation Measures HAZ-10, HAZ-11, and HAZ-12. The reduction of fire hazard related to the presence of a high pressure natural gas pipeline through the project site would be addressed through the replacement of existing pipeline as provided for in Mitigation Measure HAZ-6, all contained in Section 4.8, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, of the Draft EIR.

4.10-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-2, Need for New or Physically Altered Police Facilities, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from adverse environmental impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered police protection facilities or the need for new or physically altered police protection facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance standards.

Facts in Support of Finding
Based on the Banning Police Department’s adopted officer-to-resident ratio goal, stated in the General Plan, the Project could generate a demand for as many as 28 additional sworn officers at full build out; however, the need for additional officers to meet the city’s officer-to-resident ratio would occur slowly and incrementally over time. The City’s existing General Plan takes into account development of the site under existing zoning which is very similar to the proposed uses. Accordingly, existing facilities, including the new police headquarters building, would remain adequate for the provision of police services to the Project for much of its development period. The City imposes a Police Facilities Impact Fee on new development to fund construction and expansion of new or expanded facilities. Sales and property taxes from the commercial and residential development would contribute to support police facilities. Since the proposed Project includes the development of cluster and/or multifamily housing in addition to single family neighborhoods, Mitigation Measure PSU-2, which requires incorporation of defensible space design elements into the Project’s multi-family and cluster housing developments, will be required to maintain compliance with the General Plan and to facilitate policing of the community. With the payment of the Police Facilities Fee and the implementation of Mitigation Measure PSU-2, the impact of the Project on police facilities would be reduced to a less than significant level.

4.10-3 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-3, Need for New or Physically Altered School Facilities, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from adverse environmental impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered school facilities.
Facts in Support of Finding
Project impacts to public schools would be fully addressed through compliance with existing laws and regulations including the payment of school facilities fees pursuant to SB 50 for each dwelling unit located within the boundaries of the receiving school district, and through the provision of at least two potential school sites within the development (PSU-3). Accordingly, the Project’s impacts on school facilities would be less than significant.

4.10-4 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-6B, Construction of Recreational Facilities, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from including recreational facilities or requiring the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

Facts in Support of Finding
Operation of the proposed facilities could result in noise and light effects that could potentially impact adjacent residential uses within the Project site. The small neighborhood and mini-parks would include small scale play equipment suitable for young children in addition to seating, turf and similar facilities. It is not expected that these small neighborhood facilities would be used at night or in the early morning hours and they are not expected to be a source of noise during those sensitive periods. Further, where they abut residential lots they would be separated from the residential use by block walls, which would attenuate daytime noise. These parks would not include night lighting unless needed for security purposes to allow for adequate policing, in which case, the lighting would be subject to the provisions of Section 5.106.8 of the California Green Code as well as the provision of the City’s Municipal Code and Mitigation Measure AES-7, all of which would prohibit park lighting spillage into adjacent residential lots. The parks would be designed so that the most active recreational uses are concentrated along the South and North Loop Collector Streets, which would provide significant separation from residential uses and noise attenuation features would be incorporated into building construction to the extent needed to ensure that interior noise levels in adjacent residential uses remain within acceptable limits. With adherence to Code requirements, cited mitigation measures, and appropriate design strategies, impacts resulting from park or golf course use on nearby sensitive residential uses would be less than significant.

As identified in Impact 4.12-7A, New Energy Production or Transmission Facilities, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from construction of new energy production and/or transmission facilities or expansion or existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects.

Facts in Support of Finding
To meet the projected additional demand of the Butterfield Specific Plan Project and other anticipated growth in the northwest portion of the City, the Electric System Master Plan (ESMP) proposed the construction of a new substation within the Project site. Since no additional supplies are required for the proposed Project, its development will not require or result in the construction of new energy production facilities. Further, the extension of energy services to the Project would be a natural extension of existing infrastructure and would not result in a disjointed pattern of utility extensions.

The proposed Project includes the relocation of certain existing Southern California Edison power transmission lines as described in detail in Section 3.0, Project Description, of the Draft EIR. This Project will also require the installation of underground electrical power lines and natural gas lines throughout the Project. These underground utility lines would be constructed within public street right-of-way and would not result in significant environmental impacts since the ROW would already be disturbed as a result of grading, street construction and related trenching. In addition, the contractor will ensure that precautions are taken to avoid the Southern California Gas Company pipeline observed crossing the property that may
be present along the alignments of proposed off-site infrastructure (refer to Mitigation Measure HAZ-6). Accordingly, the Project’s impacts would be less than significant with adherence to the mitigation measures incorporated.

4.10-6 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-9B, Water and Wastewater Facilities Expansion, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, construction of which could cause significant environmental effects.

Facts in Support of Finding
The Project proposes construction of an on-site and off-site water, wastewater and recycled water system, as described in Section 3.0, Project Description and referenced in Impact Analysis 4.12-9A. This system does not include the potential onsite “satellite” wastewater treatment facility. Impacts associated with the provision of water and recycled water distribution infrastructure is addressed in Section 4.13, Water Supply. Currently, the City has plans and a capital improvement plan to expand existing City wastewater treatment facilities. In the future, the City may chose to develop a satellite wastewater treatment facility on site. The environmental impacts associated with the proposed expansion of the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant have been addressed in the 2008 Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Phase I Recycled Water System Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). That study determined that the potential impacts associated with the proposed expansion would be less than significant or could be mitigated to a less than significant level. The potential future on-site wastewater treatment facility could result in aesthetics, noise, odor, and hazards impacts. No unmitigated impacts have been identified. Accordingly, whether the Project is served by the expanded City Wastewater Treatment Facility or the potential on-site satellite facility, effects associated with facilities construction would be less than significant.

The Project also proposes various off-site water, wastewater and recycled water facilities, the majority of which would be constructed within existing roadways and would be below ground. No long-term environmental effects associated with operation of these subsurface facilities are anticipated.

Implementation of Mitigation Measures PSU-4 and PSU-5 would result in the reduction of potential impacts of off-site infrastructure; specifically the impacts associated with sensitive receptors to less than significant levels (also refer to Mitigation Measures AQ-8 and NOI-5).

4.10-7 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.12-10, Landfill Capacity and Compliance with Regulations, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated resulting from (a) the Project being served by a landfill that does not have sufficient permitted capacity for Project’s solid waste disposal needs and (b) the Project failing to comply with federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

Facts in Support of Finding
Specific Plan build-out will increase the total City wide generation of solid waste. In estimating the potential impact of the General Plan buildup, the Draft EIR used waste generation factors for specific land uses. The potential solid waste that could be generated by the proposed Project was estimated using these same factors and is illustrated in Table 4.12-9, Projected Solid Waste Generation at Project Build-out, of the Draft EIR. The proposed Project would contribute from 3-12 percent of the total City waste stream to any one of the landfills that serve it. All have existing unused capacity sufficient to accommodate the projected waste stream growth, assuming continued compliance with diversion requirements.
The proposed Project also includes a golf course and two public schools. To ensure the maximum feasible reduction in the waste stream generated by the Specific Plan’s golf course, Mitigation Measure PSU-6 shall be imposed. Accordingly, the Project would not adversely impact existing land fill capacity, would be fully compliant with all federal, State, and local requirements for solid waste diversion and recycling, and, with the addition of Mitigation Measure PSU-6, its impacts with regard to solid waste would be reduced to a less than significant level.

4.11 WATER SUPPLY

4.11-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.14-1, Groundwater Supplies, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with depleting groundwater supplies or interfering substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted.

Facts in Support of Finding
The City’s average annual water supply is, and will continue to be, from local groundwater supplies. The City pumps groundwater from five local groundwater basins — the Banning, Banning Bench, and Banning Canyon basins (collectively, the Banning Basins), the Cabazon Basin and the Beaumont Basin. All of the City’s groundwater supplies are supported by vested water rights. In the case of the Beaumont Basin, the City’s production and storage rights in the basin have been adjudicated by a court and are subject to a final judgment. The City’s Phase I Upgrade will also provide additional supplies of recycled water by 2015 when the City will complete construction of this upgrade of its Main Treatment Plant.

The City’s existing and projected water supplies are sufficient during normal, single dry, and multiple dry water years during the 35-year study period to meet the projected water demands of the Project, in addition to the City’s existing and planned future uses. Therefore, sufficient water supplies are available to serve the Project. Refer to Draft EIR Table 4.14-14 and WSA Tables 1.8A through 1.8C. For example, in year 2045 during a normal water year, it is estimated that the City would have 99,615 acre-feet of supply and 16,710 acre-feet of demand.

The City proposes to maintain average historical amounts from the Beaumont Basin in order to promote the accumulation of water (both from the City’s unused production rights and recharged imported water) in the City’s stored water account. Therefore, the City does not propose increases in pumping from the Beaumont Basin and does not propose pumping in excess of its rights in the basin. The City’s existing wells provide sufficient capacity to continue to produce historical amounts. All water production and storage operations in the basin are subject to the adjudication and resulting court judgment. The court’s and Watermaster’s ongoing management of the basin ensures that the City’s production of its rights in the basin, including withdrawal of water from storage, does not result in adverse impacts on the basin or material interference with other basin right holders. In the Banning, Banning Bench, Banning Canyon and Cabazon Basins, the City’s proposed pumping is within the safe yield of each basin and consistent with the City’s rights in each basin. To ensure the City’s pumping in the Banning, Banning Bench, Banning Canyon and Cabazon Basins is within the safe yield of each basin and to avoid interference with existing wells when new wells are constructed, Mitigation Measure WS-1 will be implemented. Therefore, less than significant impacts to groundwater levels are anticipated.

4.11-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.14-3, Construction of Water System Facilities, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with the
construction of new water system facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which would cause significant environmental effects.

Facts in Support of Finding
The Project proposes construction of several water supply and water quality features that are described as part of the Project Design Features in Section 4.14.4 of the Draft EIR. The Project proposes construction of comprehensive onsite water storage and transmission facilities to meet projected water demands for uses in the proposed Specific Plan. In addition to water and sewer lines, the Project includes onsite construction of recycled water pipelines to serve non-potable demands of the Project when recycled water is made available. The Project would be integrated into the City domestic water system.

Offsite water treatment, storage and transmission facilities include three pump stations, subsurface pipelines, and the offsite sewer lift station. The proposed lift station would be located on a small commercial lot in an appropriately designed and screened building. Similarly, the pump stations would be located within an enclosed structure. The potential future onsite treatment facility (if developed by the City) would require additional review and the approval of a conditional use permit. The tallest structure for the treatment facility, a one million gallon water storage tank, would be 35 feet in height, similar to the maximum height of a residential structure. All treatment processes would take place within an enclosed structure(s).

The water supply and water quality-related elements described in Section 4.14.4 are part of the overall Project, and therefore their environmental impacts are analyzed throughout Section 4 of the Draft EIR, including Impact 4.14-1. Mitigation Measure PSU-4 would result in the reduction of potential impacts of off-site infrastructure, specifically the impacts associated with sensitive receptors to less than significant levels. With the implementation of the mitigation measures noted in Section 4.14, Water Supply, of the Draft EIR, the impacts will be less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

5.0 FINDINGS CONCERNING IMPACTS FOUND TO BE SIGNIFICANT WITH MITIGATION (“Unavoidable Significant Impacts”)

While the specific mitigation measures summarized in Section 1.0, Executive Summary, would reduce the level of many significant impacts to a less than significant level, the Draft EIR identified the following areas where, after the implementation of feasible mitigation measures and consideration of Project Design Features and existing regulations, the Project would result in impacts which cannot be fully mitigated (note that these conclusions, and overall Project impacts, are similar to those found in the previously certified Deutsch Specific Plan EIR and City of Banning General Plan EIR):

5.1 AESTHETICS LIGHT AND GLARE

5.1-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.1-3, Light and Glare, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would create significant and unavoidable impacts resulting from long term build out light and glare.

Facts in Support of Finding
As an undeveloped area used for cattle grazing, the existing Project site currently has no sources of light or glare, and therefore does not create light or glare impacts on adjacent land uses. Predominantly residential development abuts the Project site to the northwest, west, south, and southeast. The area to the north and northeast of the Project site is largely undeveloped or sparsely developed. Implementation of the proposed Project would result in construction of up to 5,387 dwelling units, two schools, approximately 36 acres of commercial uses, as well as parks, a golf course, various drainage facilities (including a multi-use basin), a potential satellite wastewater treatment plant, above ground water storage
reservoirs, and a potential fire station (pad), all of which would permanently alter the lighting levels of the existing environment. The proposed Project would create substantial new sources of light and glare typical of the suburban uses proposed: streetlights, residential and commercial lighting, security lighting, and safety lighting for the commercial, schools, parks, golf course, and infrastructure facilities. These new sources of light and glare would be most visible form development located along adjacent roadways including receptors such as area residents and traveling motorists. All developed areas and trails will have 24-hour security lighting, and active recreation areas (parks, golf course, school, community center) may have lighting for activities and event up to 10:00 P.M., per City Municipal Code. The commercial areas and fire station may have 24-hour lighting as permitted in the Specific Plan and Municipal Code. Pursuant to City Code, street and sign lighting within the Project would be oriented toward and confined within the development site to prevent spillover into adjacent properties. In addition, as a Project Design Feature, the proposed Specific Plan includes design guidelines that are intended to make the development as compatible with the rural nature of the area as possible, by, among other things, controlling light and glare impacts.

Mitigation Measure AES-7 will reduce potentially significant light and glare impacts to the extent feasible. The Project has also reduced, avoided or offset potentially adverse impacts to light and glare through Project Design Features noted in Section 3.7, Project Design Features. Even with these design features and mitigation, the Project would result in significant light and glare as compared to the site’s existing undeveloped condition.

5.2 AIR QUALITY

5.2-1 Finding

As identified in Impact 4.3-1, Air Quality Standards, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts with respect to the violation of any air quality standards or contributing substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation.

Facts in Support of Finding

Construction activities would occur in different locations on the Project site at different times; thereby not affecting the same sensitive receptors for significant periods of time. Nonetheless, construction impacts would exceed Federal and State ambient air quality standards. Construction emissions would exceed established SCAQMD thresholds for criteria pollutants as depicted in Table 4.3-5 through Table 4.3-9. Implementation of Mitigation Measures AQ-1 through AQ-7 would lessen construction-related impacts by requiring measures to reduce air pollutant emissions from construction activities. These measures call for the maintenance of construction equipment, the use of non-polluting and non-toxic building equipment, the minimization of fugitive dust, and the use of machine guided grading equipment. Additionally, as the Project proposes significant grading activities and would result in exposed soils for the approximately 30 year construction period, Mitigation Measure AQ-5 would require the development of a Dust Management Plan prior to the issuance of grading permits for the control of fugitive dust throughout the five phases of construction. Project design features incorporated into the Project would reduce construction-related emissions, however, even with implementation of Mitigation Measures AQ-1 through AQ-7, construction emissions would exceed SCAQMD thresholds for ROG, CO, NOx, PM2.5, and PM10 due to the magnitude of the proposed development, and a significant unavoidable impact would result.

Air quality impacts would be regional and not confined to the City limits. Compliance with Mitigation Measure GHG-1 and GHG-2 (refer to Section 4.5, Climate Change, of the Draft EIR), as well as with regulations and permit requirements, would reduce emissions from new commercial and residential uses. Mitigation Measure GHG-1 includes requirements for building and water efficiency. Implementation of these measures and programs would reduce area source emissions due to reduced energy demand, thereby reducing area source emissions related to natural gas and electricity consumption. Additionally,
Mitigation Measure GHG-2 would amend the Specific Plan to allow and promote renewable energy resources such as rooftop solar. However, emissions resulting from area sources would remain significant due to the magnitude of development associated with the proposed Specific Plan.

As seen in Table 4.3-10, Estimated Operational Emissions for the Specific Plan, of the Draft EIR, mobile sources are anticipated to be the largest contributor to the estimated annual average air pollutant levels, and would exceed the SCAQMD thresholds. Due to the magnitude of development and associated mobile source air quality impacts, impacts in this regard remain significant and unavoidable.

5.2-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.3-3, Air Quality Management Plan, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts with respect to conflicting with or obstructing implementation of the applicable air quality plan.

Facts in Support of Finding
Consistency with the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan for the South Coast Air Basin (2007 AQMP) means that a project is consistent with the goals, objectives, and assumptions in the respective plan to achieve the Federal and State air quality standards.

Criterion 1
There is a potential for the proposed Project to result in an increase in the frequency or severity of existing air quality violations. The South Coast Air Basin is currently in non-attainment for ozone and particulate matter. As shown in Tables 4.3-5 through 4.3-9, Project emissions would exceed SCAQMD thresholds during construction and operations for ROG, NOX, CO, PM10, and PM2.5. The Project would implement applicable local, State and Federal air quality measures, and Project construction fleet and operational-related traffic is regulated by CARB vehicle emission reduction programs. The Draft EIR also identifies an extensive menu of additional mitigation measures and Project Design Features to further reduce potential construction-related and operational emissions to the extent feasible; refer to Mitigation Measures GHG-1 and GHG-2 in Section 4.5, Climate Change. The Project is consistent with the City’s General Plan, and generally consistent with the previously approved Deutsch Specific Plan. Nonetheless, given the scale of the Project and non-attainment status of the Basin, it is possible that the Project’s construction and/or operational emissions would exacerbate SCAQMD’s regional efforts to bring the Basin into attainment. However, this is no different than the cumulative effect that SCAQMD development projects would have upon Basin attainment, for which the SCAQMD has and is continuing to pursue various attainment strategies through the AQMP implementation process.

There is a potential for the proposed Project to cause or contribute to new air quality violations. Localized concentrations of CO have been analyzed for the Project, and would be below SCAQMD thresholds. SOX emissions would be minimal during construction and long-term operations, and therefore would not have a potential to cause or affect a violation of the SOX ambient air quality standard. As shown in Table 4.3-11, Project Buildout Carbon Monoxide Concentrations, of the Draft EIR, the Project would not exceed localized significant thresholds. However, it should be noted that the proposed project would exceed each of the SCAQMD’s regional thresholds of significance with the exception of SOX emissions.

The Project would result in significant impacts for regional emissions with regard to criteria pollutants during Project construction and operations. Therefore, the Project could potentially delay the timely attainment of air quality standards or AQMP emissions reductions.

Criterion 2
The proposed Project is consistent with AQMP in part if it is consistent with the population, housing, and employment assumptions that were used in the development of the AQMP. The Project is generally consistent with the previously approved Deutsch Specific Plan. These uses were incorporated into the
City General Plan and GPEIR. Thus, the proposed Project is consistent with City-wide plans for population growth at the Project site, and is consistent with the types, intensity, and patterns of land use envisioned for the site vicinity in the RCPG. The population, housing, and employment forecasts, which are adopted by SCAG’s Regional Council, are based on the local plans and policies applicable to the City; these are used by SCAG in all phases of implementation and review. Additionally, as the SCAQMD has incorporated these same projects into the 2007 AQMP, it can be concluded that the proposed Project would be consistent with the projections.

The Project implements applicable feasible mitigation measures as described in this Section, as well as feasible greenhouse gas reduction measures, as described in Section 4.5, Climate Change. The Project would include design features that would reduce operational emissions of criteria pollutants. For example, the “Smart Homes” program would improve building efficiency and energy usage, thereby reducing both direct and indirect area source emissions. Furthermore, several design features would reduce vehicle trips and/or vehicle miles traveled, thereby reducing mobile source emissions. Although Project related emissions would remain significant, the applicant has committed to additional aggressive emissions reductions measures such as the use of machine-guided grading to reduce construction emissions, provision of “Smart Homes” to reduce residential operational emissions, and inclusion of renewable energy uses as “conditionally permitted uses” in the Specific Plan to allow for incorporation of solar, electric and/or hydrogen power stations into the Project to accommodate for “clean vehicles”, thereby reducing mobile source emissions of criteria pollutants (refer to Section 4.5, Climate Change, for additional discussion). With these various measures, the proposed Project meets this AQMP consistency criterion.

The proposed Project would be consistent with the land use planning strategies set forth in the AQMP. The Project would implement the Butterfield Specific Plan development in a currently undeveloped portion of the City. The project would be consistent with the applicable AQMP measures such as the energy efficiency and control measures. As described above, the proposed Project would implement the “Smart Homes” program than would improve building energy efficiency and promote conservation among prospective residents. Because the southwestern corner of the Project is located approximately 300 feet from an existing bus stop the existing transit network would be expanded through the Project site. The City of Banning and Riverside County Transit authorities would be consulted to implement long-term public transportation projects and to develop vanpools and subscription bus service. Furthermore, the Project would include pedestrian paths and bike trails that would provide both internal and external connections. Other AQMP transportation strategies target regional emissions that require SCAQMD coordination with SCAG and include control programs to reduce vehicle emissions and remove high emitters. The proposed Project would not conflict with these strategies.

5.3 CLIMATE CHANGE

5.3-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.5-1, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in potentially significant and unavoidable impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to generating greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment.

Facts in Support of Finding
The Project has implemented reasonable and feasible mitigation measures and has incorporated special Project Design Features to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to the extent feasible. In addition, the Project is consistent with the Deutsch Specific Plan represented in the adopted City of Banning General Plan, and therefore is consistent with the regional growth emissions included in SCAG, SCAQMD, and CARB climate change planning and policy documents. While the Project’s designed features and mitigation measures would reduce GHG emissions by approximately 20% over BAU, the project’s cumulative
contribution would remain at approximately 124,000 metric tons of CO2E. Without any applicable numeric standards, it cannot be concluded that these emissions are not cumulatively significant. Further, because GHG emission impacts are global and result from the buildup of GHG emissions over many years, the global cumulative effects could remain potentially significant and unavoidable without regard to the Project’s design features and mitigation measures.

5.3-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.5-2, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in potentially significant and unavoidable impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to conflicting with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases.

Facts in Support of Finding
With implementation of Project design features and mitigation measures, the Project would not obstruct or conflict with the statewide goals of AB32 and regional targets under SB375. However, because measures implementing AB32 and SB375 require further action by other state and federal agencies and implementation and effectiveness is not assured, as well as the continuing effects of past human-induced GHG emissions, the Project’s incremental contribution to climate change would remain potentially significant and unavoidable. Even with Project design features and mitigation measures for reducing GHG emissions, Project-related incremental contributions and cumulative development would remain significant and unavoidable, and could hinder GHG reduction goals of AB32.

5.4 TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

5.4-1 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.13-1, Conflict with an Applicable Plan, Ordinance, or Policy, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in potentially significant and unavoidable impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to conflicting with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycled paths, and mass transit.

Facts in Support of Finding
The City of Banning General Plan Circulation Element standard provides that LOS C is the upper limit of satisfactory operations except for intersections along Ramsey Street, where LOS D is considered satisfactory. Mitigation is required for any intersections where Project traffic causes the intersection to deteriorate from satisfactory to unsatisfactory operation. The City does not have an adopted criterion that defines significant impact at an existing deficient intersection; therefore, a conservative criterion was developed to address this potential condition. If an intersection is already operating at an unsatisfactory LOS, any increase in delay due to the addition of one or more cars would constitute a significant Project impact. This criterion was applied to study intersections in the jurisdictions of the City of Banning, City of Beaumont, and the County of Riverside. Construction of the recommended improvements, when and where needed, would achieve applicable level-of-service performance at all study area intersections; however, as some improvements could also result in significant impacts to existing land uses (due to Project right-of-way requirements), certain improvements may either be made in part, deferred or not implemented due to overriding considerations and/or limited funding. Further, many of the recommended improvements are located in jurisdictions outside the City of Banning. Most of these improvements have been, can be and should be implemented by those other agencies, but successfully completing the improvements in a timely fashion cannot be guaranteed.
5.4-2 Finding
As identified in Impact 4.13-2, Conflict with an Applicable Congestion Management Program, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in potentially significant and unavoidable impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to conflicting with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways.

Facts in Support of Finding
The Riverside County CMP has a standard of LOS E or better for CMP facilities. CMP facilities affected by the Project include SR-60, I-10, SR-79 (Beaumont Avenue) south of I-10, and SR-243 south of I-10. As discussed in Appendix I, Traffic Impact Assessment, Section 7, the TIA identifies potential freeway ramp improvements and freeway mainline improvements, as well as recommended mitigation measures for SR-79 and SR-243. Freeway mainline improvements are described further below in Cumulative Impacts. The Draft EIR identifies mitigation to achieve acceptable levels of service for CMP facilities (discussed above). However, as these improvement locations are outside the control of the City of Banning and the Applicant, timely implementation of the mitigation measures is uncertain, and therefore these issues must be considered a “potentially unavoidable significant impact”.

6.0 FINDINGS REGARDING CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The following section provides a brief description of each section in the Draft EIR’s cumulative based on the analysis conducted through the Draft EIR preparation process. A further description of each section’s cumulative impact conclusion can be found at the end of the corresponding impact in Section 4.0, Environmental Impact Analysis, of the Draft EIR. A brief conclusion of each cumulative impact is described below for the convenience of the reader.

6.1 AESTHETICS/LIGHT AND GLARE

6.1-1 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with aesthetics.

Facts in Support of Finding
The geographic context for the analysis of cumulative visual impacts is the San Gorgonio Pass area including the City of Banning, the City of Beaumont, and the adjacent unincorporated areas of the County of Riverside. The proposed Butterfield Specific Plan Project would contribute to the on-going development of projects on undeveloped or vacant land through the creation of a new residential community. According to the City of Banning General Plan EIR, build out of the General Plan would result in significant visual impacts within the City, which would be mitigated to a less than significant level through the implementation of Draft EIR-specified mitigation measures which have since been incorporated into the City’s Municipal Code. Implementation of the proposed Project in compliance with current City standards, proposed mitigation measures, and the design guidelines contained in the Specific Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to scenic vistas and visual character.

6.1-2 Finding
The Project would result in significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts associated with light and glare.

Facts in Support of Finding
Given the size of the proposed Project relative to anticipated future development in the City, the Project’s impact on cumulative light and glare would be perceived as a substantial part of the overall, cumulative
visual changes that would occur at General Plan build out. Although the surrounding area is quickly urbanizing, there will be additional light and glare generated from the proposed Specific Plan.

The nature of the proposed development, the magnitude and scale, and the existence of sensitive receptors (residences and the hospital) adjacent to the site will result in significant light and glare impacts to these areas. The proposed Project would contribute to light and glare in conjunction with past, present, and future projects. Mitigation measures are proposed to reduce this impact; however, this is considered a significant cumulative impact.

6.2 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

6.2-1 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts associated with agricultural resources.

Fact in Supporting Finding
The geographic setting for this cumulative impacts analysis is Riverside County. The analysis considers the significance of the contribution of the proposed Project to cumulative regional impacts on County agricultural land and agricultural production resulting from the conversion of farmland to urban uses.

Though previously subject to Williamson Act contracts, these have since expired and the Project site is no longer in agricultural use, with the exception of small-scale temporary use for livestock grazing that contributed very little to the regional agricultural economy. Accordingly, while the conversion of farmland in western Riverside County, and in Coachella Valley in particular, may have an adverse cumulative effect on the County’s agricultural economy, the incremental loss of this Project site’s potential as farmland would not be considered cumulatively considerable and would be less than significant.

6.3 AIR QUALITY

6.3-1 Finding
The Project would result in significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts associated with air quality.

Facts in Support of Finding
The SCAQMD neither recommends quantified analyses of cumulative construction or operational emissions, nor does it provide separate methodologies or thresholds of significance to be used to assess cumulative construction impacts. Individual development projects that generate construction-related or operational emissions that exceed the SCAQMD recommended daily thresholds for project-specific impacts would also cause a cumulatively considerable increase in emissions for those pollutants for which the Basin is non-attainment.

Short-Term Construction Emissions
Based on the program-level construction analysis, construction-related emissions associated with future potential development projects in the Project area may be “cumulatively considerable”, even with implementation of the recommended mitigation measures. Construction of future development and infrastructure projects under the Specific Plan would be required to comply with the applicable SCAQMD rules and regulations, SCAQMD Air Quality Management Plan, City of Banning and City of Beaumont General Plan EIRs, Riverside County General Plan EIR, and SCAG Compass Blueprint Growth Visioning Program. These measures call for the maintenance of construction equipment, the use of non-polluting and non-toxic building equipment, and minimizing fugitive dust.
Long Term Operational Emissions
New development under the proposed Specific Plan, combined with other anticipated future development in the region would contribute to a cumulative annual increase in regional air pollutant emissions. As shown in Table 4.30-10, Estimated Operational Emissions for the Specific Plan, of the Draft EIR, the emissions from development of the Project area exceed the SCAQMD thresholds for ROG, NOX, CO, PM2.5, and PM10, resulting in a significant impact. In accordance with SCAQMD methodology, any project that cannot be mitigated to a level of less than significant is also significant on a cumulative basis. Therefore, the cumulative operational emissions associated with the proposed Project are cumulatively significant and unavoidable.

6.4 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

6.4-1 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with biological resources.

Facts in Support of Finding
The proposed Project will result in the permanent removal of approximately 1,500 acres of existing vegetation. Development will contribute to the overall reduction of open grassland available in the region, which habitat is used, or can be used, as live-in and/or foraging areas for several sensitive species including burrowing owl. However, this habitat is not considered “sensitive” and is widely available throughout the region. The Project will also result in the removal of a small amount of riparian/riverine and wetland habitat. Compensatory mitigation for project specific impacts to riparian/riverine and wetland habitat will be required by agencies with jurisdiction over these resources, permit conditions, and Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO-5 will reduce Project impacts to biological resources to a less than significant level. Accordingly, the project will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to any potentially significant cumulative impact on biological resources in the Banning area.

6.5 CLIMATE CHANGE

6.5-1 Finding
The Project would result in significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with climate change.

Facts in Support of Finding
The Project has implemented reasonable and feasible mitigation measures and has incorporated special Project Design Features to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to the extent feasible. In addition, the Project is consistent with the Deutsch Specific Plan represented in the adopted City of Banning General Plan, and therefore is consistent with the regional growth emissions included in SCAG, SCAQMD, and CARB climate change planning and policy documents. While the Project’s design features and mitigation measures would reduce GHG emissions by approximately 20% over BAU, the project’s cumulative contribution would remain at approximately 124,000 metric tons of CO2E. Without any applicable numeric standards, it cannot be concluded that these emissions are not cumulatively significant. Even with Project design features and mitigation measures for reducing GHG emissions, Project-related incremental contributions and cumulative development would cause GHG impacts to remain significant and unavoidable, and could hinder the GHG reduction goals of AB 32.

6.6 CULTURAL RESOURCES

6.6-1 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with cultural resources.
Facts in Support of Finding
As discussed in Section 4.10, Land Use and Planning, the Butterfield Specific Plan is generally consistent with the City’s General Plan, and is an amendment and restatement of the previously approved Deutsch Specific Plan. Additionally, extensive field investigation of the Project site and off-site areas potentially impacted by the Project, together with literature reviews, have detected no archaeological or historical resources of any significant value on the site, and no off-site resources that would be impacted by the development of the proposed Project. Mitigation Measures CUL-1 through CUL-4 further limit the Project’s potential to contribute significantly to any cumulative paleontological, archaeological, or historical resource impacts on a regional level therefore would not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to regional cumulative impacts on cultural resources and would therefore be cumulatively less-than-significant.

6.7 GEOLOGY, SOILS, AND SEISMICITY

6.7-1 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with geology, soils and seismicity.

Facts in Support of Finding
The General Plan EIR determined that, with the implementation of the above requirements, cumulative geotechnical and soils impacts of the General Plan build-out would be less than significant. Since the proposed Project is an amendment and restatement of a previously approved Specific Plan, its build out was considered as part of the General Plan EIR cumulative analysis. All of the requirements noted in the General Plan EIR and all of the requirements contained in Title 18 of the City’s Municipal Code would be met by the proposed Project, in addition to the Project-specific Mitigation Measures GEO-1 and GEO-3. Accordingly, the proposed Project would not contribute considerably to regional cumulative impacts related to geology and soils.

6.8 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

6.8-1 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with hazards and hazardous materials.

Facts in Support of Finding
Hazardous materials used, or hazardous waste generated, during the operational phase of the Project would not be quantitatively significant. Accordingly, the proposed Project’s contribution would not be cumulative considerable and would be considered less than significant with mitigation incorporated. Development of the proposed Project would increase the number of residential structures located in urban-wildland interface areas within the City of Banning and therefore the number of structures and persons vulnerable to the effects of wildfire. With adherence to existing and future laws ordinances, and regulations and implementation of appropriate mitigation measures mandating uniform and effective maintenance of defensible space/fuel modification areas the risk posed by new construction in UWI areas would be reduced to less than cumulatively considerable.

6.9 HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

6.9-1 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with hydrology and water quality.
Facts in Support of Finding
Cumulative impacts to hydrology and water quality are impacts that would result from incremental changes that degrade water quality or contribute to drainage and flooding problems within the Banning area. Although the proposed Project, in combination with other cumulative projects in the Banning area, represents an incremental change in regional drainage patterns and additional developed surfaces, the proposed Project as well as other cumulative projects are required to construct a number of on- and off-site facilities that would mitigate cumulative drainage and flooding conditions, as well as mitigate potential water quality impacts. With the Project Design Features proposed to mitigate potential impacts to hydrology and water quality and the regulatory requirements applicable to all development within the Banning area, the proposed Project would not significantly contribute to cumulative or regional drainage or water quality impacts.

6.10 LAND USE AND PLANNING

6.10-1 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts associated with land use and planning.

Facts in Support of Finding
Development pursuant to the proposed Specific Plan would not conflict with the designated land uses in the General Plan and Zoning code. With adoption of the proposed General Plan Amendment, the proposed Specific Plan would be compatible with the land uses that surround the proposed Project. It should be noted that future projects could include General Plan amendments and/or zone changes. However, each proposed amendment or zone change would require specific consistency analysis and, upon adoption, would not conflict with the General Plan or City Code. For this reason, the cumulative impact associated with conflict of future development with adopted plans and policies would be less than significant. In addition, as noted, development of the proposed Specific Plan would be compatible with surrounding land uses and would not conflict with applicable plans or policies. Therefore, the cumulative impact of the proposed Project with respect to future development would not be cumulative considerable and is, therefore, less than significant.

6.11 NOISE

6.11-1 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with construction phase noise impacts.

Facts in Support of Finding
Construction-related noise for the proposed project and each related project would be localized. Additionally, each of the various cumulative projects would be required to comply with the local noise ordinance, as well as mitigation measures that may be prescribed pursuant to CEQA on a project-specific basis. Construction noise impacts would cease upon completion of excavation, grading, and building activities. Compliance with project-specific mitigation, compliance with General Plan EIR mitigation measures, as well as compliance with City Code requirement, would serve to minimize the length of time noise-sensitive receptors are exposed to significant noise levels that exceed City standards. In addition, because noise dissipates as it travels away from its source, noise impacts from construction activities would be limited to each of the respective sites and their vicinities. Construction noise from cumulative projects would not interact with noise from the proposed Project due to distances between the specific sites. Therefore, a less than significant cumulative impact would occur in this regard.
6.11-2 Finding
The Project would result in significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts associated with mobile noise impacts.

Facts in Support of Finding
Although there may be a significant noise increase due to the proposed Project in combination with other related projects (combined effects), it must also be demonstrated that the proposed Project has a significant incremental effect. The proposed Project would make a cumulatively considerable contribution to cumulative background traffic noise levels, resulting in a cumulatively significant impact at the 13 roadway segments identified in Table 4.11-15, Cumulative Noise Scenarios, of the Draft EIR. Due to the absence of a program or feasible measures to reduce such effects, the impact is cumulative and unavoidable.

6.11-3 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts associated with operational noise impacts.

Facts in Support of Finding
The proposed Project would introduce the use of stationary equipment that would increase noise levels within the project area; however, based on the operational stationary source noise impacts analysis, these impacts would be less than significant.

6.12 PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES

6.12-1 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with fire facilities.

Facts in Support of Finding
As additional development occurs in the Fire Department’s Oak Glen service area there would be an overall increase in the demand for fire protection services, which is expected to result in the need for additional and/or expanded fire protection facilities. In its response to the Project’s NOP, Cal Fire stated, “The increase in acreage [represented by] the Butterfield SP will have a cumulative adverse impact on the Fire Department’s ability to provide an acceptable level of service using existing facilities, given the projected increase in population and the number and location of new structures.” Accordingly, cumulative future development would result in the need for additional facilities. This is a potentially significant cumulative impact. Development of the Butterfield Specific Plan would contribute to the need for additional fire facilities; however, the Project has sufficiently mitigated for its contribution to the cumulative impact by providing funds and a potential site for the construction of a new fire station to serve both the Specific Plan area and adjacent, yet to be developed neighborhoods.

6.12-2 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with police facilities.

Facts in Support of Finding
The City General Plan anticipates a need for additional police facilities based a goal of 2.0 sworn officers per 1000 population and the known capacity of then-existing facilities. The City has recently built a new police headquarters building; however, to meet City service ratios at General Plan build out the Police Department would need to hire approximately 80 new sworn officers. The new headquarters building may not be able to accommodate this level of staffing, requiring the provision of additional police facilities. This is a potentially significant cumulative impact. The City
assesses a Police Facilities Fee on all new development in the City to fund the construction of new and/or the expansion of existing police facilities needed to address community needs. The fee is based on a calculation of the Project’s “fair share” of the overall cost of providing adequate police facilities to the community. The proposed Project would participate in that program and additionally, would implement Mitigation Measure PSU-2 to ensure incorporation of defensible space design into multifamily and cluster housing to help reduce the need for new officers to adequately police the community. Accordingly, the Project’s impact on police facilities would be less than cumulatively considerable.

6.12-3 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts associated with school facilities.

Facts in Support of Finding
The proposed Project could generate a need for additional school facilities in both the Banning and Beaumont Unified School Districts as the number of students projected to be generated by the Project at buildout substantially exceeds the capacity available or reasonably projected to be available, at existing schools. To mitigate the potential impacts to school facilities created by the growth anticipated by the City’s General Plan, Policy 4 requires the City to assist, cooperate and coordinate with the Banning and Beaumont Unified School Districts and State agencies in identifying, acquiring and developing school sites needed to meet future growth demands and encourage the selection of potential school sites that are centrally located in areas of existing or future residential development. The Butterfield Project provides two school sites to mitigate impacts to public schools occasioned by its development, in compliance with this policy.

General Plan Policy 4 further requires the City to cooperate in securing school impact fees from developers, pursuant to State law. The Butterfield Project will be conditioned to pay School District Facilities Fees and will require proof of payment prior to the issuance of building permits for affected units. Lastly, General Plan Policy 2 requires the City to continue to work with the Banning Unified School District to amend the District’s boundary to encompass all lands within its corporate limits and sphere of influence. The initial action to accomplish that goal was taken in 2005, when boundaries were adjusted south of I-10, and discussions continue between the City and the Banning and Beaumont Districts to adjust boundaries between Highland Home Road and Highland Springs Avenue north of I-10, as proposed by the Specific Plan. The location of schools and student generation estimates contained in the Draft EIR are based on those proposed revised boundaries, as are the proposed locations of the school sites within the Specific Plan. Accordingly, the proposed Project fully conforms to General Plan policies designed to mitigate development impacts to public schools.

SB 50 provides that the impact of new development on school facilities for purposes of CEQA shall be fully mitigated through the payment of District School Facilities Fees. The General Plan EIR mitigation measures for public schools reflect that understanding. Since the proposed Project would pay the District-mandated fees at the annually adjusted level imposed by each District and, in addition, would also make available two elementary school sites which, when developed, would have capacity equal to, or exceeding that required to accommodate the number of students generated by the proposed Project, the Project would fully mitigate its impacts pursuant to existing policies and its contribution to any cumulative impact of new development on public schools would not be cumulatively considerable.

6.12-4 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts associated with library facilities.

Facts in Support of Finding
Although there is an existing deficiency in library space and volumes based on current State standards, neither the Banning nor the Beaumont Library District have an adopted space-to-population ratio standard. Cumulative development within the service areas of the two library districts is expected to result
in increased use of existing library facilities and programs; however, increasingly, access to library
collections and programs is via the internet and both library systems maintain effective interactive
websites for that purpose. Though not every household has access to internet technology, enough do to
make it difficult to anticipate what facility needs will be in the future or how those needs will be met.

Both Districts have indicated in their adopted planning documents that any expansion of library facilities
that involves new construction would require additional funding. Each District has the ability to impose
library facilities fees on new development to fund facility expansion and have indicated that such fees are
likely in the future. The Districts may also expand access through joint use agreements with the school
district with which they share boundaries.

The General Plan EIR analyzed cumulative impacts on the Banning Library District resulting from new
development, including the Butterfield project, and concluded that the impact would be mitigated through
careful monitoring of library use and consideration of the use of library facilities fees on new
development to fund new facilities construction if those facilities are warranted.

6.12-5 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts associated with hospital facilities.

Facts in Support of Finding
The San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital has independently planned for population growth in its service area
and will have capacity to serve up to 225,000 persons per year once its new facilities are completed in
2014. Therefore the anticipated cumulative impact of new development on hospital facilities would be
less than significant.

6.12-6 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts associated with recreational facilities.

Facts in Support of Finding
The City’s General Plan assumes a need for an additional 411 acres of recreation and parkland at buildout
to serve the population anticipated at General Plan build out based on the City’s 5 acre per thousand
population standard. In addition to the General Plan, the City is currently reviewing a Draft Master Plan
for Recreation and Park Facilities that is expected to be adopted in 2011 to guide the development of
recreational facilities to meet current and anticipated demands through 2020. The standards and impact
issues identified in the pending Master Plan are used in this analysis of cumulative impacts as they
represent the current planning of the City.

The City currently owns 64 acres of developed parkland, additional recreational facilities, and
161 acres of undeveloped parkland for which master plans have been developed and are pending funding.
The City also contains the 126-acre Gilman Ranch Museum Regional Park, owned and operated by the
County of Riverside Regional Park and Open Space District, leaving the City with a shortfall of 60 acres
of parkland once planned park facilities are constructed on City-owned sites.

The proposed Project site is located within a “Gap Area” identified in the Draft Master Plan.
Park facilities located within the Project area could be accessed by residents living outside of the
Butterfield Specific Plan boundaries but still within the “service area radius” of specific facilities. In
addition, the Project may include a site for the development of a new Community
Center and would pay City-imposed Parkland Facilities Fees of as much as $10 million over the life of
the Project, which could be used to construct the Center or to construct additional park facilities.
Therefore, the Project would address an identified deficiency in existing facilities and services, including
locational gaps in facilities, and would contribute approximately 66.5 acres of active park facilities, in
addition to potentially two joint school/park use sites, and a 253.9- acre golf course, and a system of
trails, bikeways and open space. While a deficit in overall park acreage for the City may still exist, the proposed Project would add to the City’s inventory of public recreation resources and its contribution to any cumulative significant condition would not be cumulatively considerable.

6.12-7 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts associated with new energy production or transmission facilities and consumption of energy.

Facts in Support of Finding
The City’s 10-Year ESMP assumes the need for additional transmission facilities to meet the requirements of anticipated growth including the development of the Butterfield Specific Plan but does not indicate a need for additional generation facilities. The General Plan anticipates the need for both additional transmission and additional generation facilities with full buildout of the General Plan. Projections regarding demand growth made in the 2004 ESMP have not been realized within the Plan’s intended timeframe. Rather, the City has experienced a decline in demand of more than 10 percent since the Plan’s adoption. Other than on-site utility relocations noted above, the proposed Project can be served with existing facilities, including an already constructed and operating substation, and with existing generating capacity. In addition, because of the energy efficiency features required by the 2008 California Energy Code and 2010 Green Building Code, which would be implemented by the Project, in addition to features integrated into the Project pursuant to Pardee’s LivingSmart Program, the Project would meet or exceed local, State and federal energy conservation guidelines and regulatory requirements. Therefore, while the cumulative impact of growth pursuant to the General Plan could be cumulatively significant insofar as it could require additional generation and transmission facilities, the Project’s contribution to cumulative impacts would not be cumulatively considerable.

6.12-8 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts associated with telecommunication facilities.

Facts in Support of Finding
Increased development due to regional growth would result in an increase in demand for telecommunication services; however, telecommunications is a reactive utility that will provide customers service as requested and the service provider would construct those systems in accordance with applicable local, State and federal regulations as need arise. The Project would be adequately served by existing facilities and therefore would not contribute considerably to any future cumulative need for additional facilities.

6.12-9 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts associated with wastewater treatment requirements and water and wastewater facilities expansion.

Facts in Support of Finding
The General Plan EIR estimates that buildout of the General Plan has the potential to generate approximately 8,203,300 gallons of wastewater per day. This figure includes potential wastewater generated within the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan Project. The City’s 2006 Sewer System Study anticipates a need to expand capacity at the City’s treatment plant as well as the need to expand the balance of the City’s sewer collection and transmission system. In addition, the City’s plans include creation of a network for the distribution of recycled water to eligible users. Citywide facility improvements are funded through connection fees, user fees, plan check fees, General Fund revenue, and other sources. As noted above, the Project can fully mitigate its impacts. Further, the proposed expansion of the City’s wastewater treatment facilities would take place with or without the Project. Therefore, the Project’s contribution to the cumulative impacts would not be cumulatively considerable.
6.12-10 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with landfill capacity and compliance regulations.

Facts in Support of Finding
At buildout, the City is estimated to generate approximately 88,223 tons of solid waste per year; however, the estimate did not include the application of verifiable diversion factors. The General Plan states that the proposed land uses within the General Plan Study Area are not anticipated to produce unusually high quantities of solid waste. All mitigation measures imposed by the City’s General Plan EIR that address solid waste, listed in the Regulatory Framework Section of this analysis, would be applied to the proposed Project. Waste Management Services, which contracts with the City for solid waste disposal, administers a recycling program for the City and also operates transfer stations to which solid waste is transported for sorting and potential recycling prior to being forwarded to area landfills. Mitigation Measure PSU-6 would ensure that the golf course operator implements efficient green waste recycling and diversion practices. Each of the school districts has a waste management and recycling plan in place and coordinates with its respective city and waste hauler. Existing landfills have significant remaining capacity and also contain land area sufficient to allow for expansion of existing operations and capacity. While cumulative development within the County will increase the volume of solid waste, continuing recycling efforts including those mandated by current and pending legislation, and current State and local codes, should result in increasing reductions in overall solid waste volumes. Cumulative impacts are anticipated to be less than significant and the Project’s contribution to cumulative impacts would itself not be cumulatively considerable.

6.13 TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

6.13-1 Finding
The Project would result potentially significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts with mitigation incorporated associated with traffic and circulation.

Facts in Support of Finding
The adopted General Plan Circulation Element for the City does not define a build-out year for the General Plan land uses and, in order to develop the proportional growth between existing condition and General Plan Build-out condition, a General Plan Build-out year was estimated for the traffic impact analysis.

Intersection Levels of Service (without mitigation), Table 4.13-12, General Plan Build-out Year Without and plus Project (Project Completion) Freeway Mainline Levels of Service (without mitigation) Table 4.13-13, General Plan Build-out Year plus Project With Mitigations Intersection Levels of Service, Table 4.13-14, General Plan Build-out Year plus Project With Mitigations Freeway Mainline Levels of Service (all tables found in Section 4.13, Traffic and Circulation, of the Draft EIR), show that, with mitigation, all intersections and freeway segments would operate at acceptable levels of service. Certain improvements may not be constructed or not constructed in a timely manner, due to feasibility, cost, significant ROW impacts, or other factors. In addition, improvements outside of the City of Banning are not within the control of the City or the Applicant, and as such the Draft EIR cannot be assured of their implementation. Therefore, with respect to cumulative traffic impacts, the Draft EIR must find that locations outside of the City of Banning or identified below as having “potentially significant impacts” may not be implemented, thereby representing a “potentially unavoidable significant impact”.

The Project’s contribution toward cumulative mitigation is in the form of TUMF fees and other contributions such as Project-related gas tax, property tax and General Fund revenue. Table 4.13-9, Summary of Future Improvements, provides a summary of all recommended future improvements, for Existing plus Project and General Plan build-out conditions. Table 4.13-16 Project Contribution to Total
New Traffic, and Table 4.13-17, Project Contribution to Total New Freeway Traffic Volumes, show the Project’s relative share of the projected future traffic growth.

Additional right-of-way necessary to improve various intersection traffic conditions could result in impacts to land use or biological resources. A list of intersections that may require additional right-of-way for improvements can be found in the Draft EIR Section 4.13, Traffic and Circulation. This discussion is based on a preliminary assessment of potential improvement geometrics, potential additional ROW, and potential impacts related to the additional ROW acquisition. The applicable jurisdiction(s) will conduct preliminary design studies, prepare final design plans, and determine whether or not additional CEQA review is required for each individual improvement.

6.14 WATER SUPPLY

6.14-1 Finding
The Project would result in less than significant cumulative impacts, with mitigation incorporated, associated with water supply.

Facts in Support of Finding
As discussed above, the project would not substantially effect groundwater supplies, there would be sufficient water supplies to serve the project and the project would not require new water system facilities that could cause significant impacts. The City and water management purveyors in the region have acquired water supplies and prepared water plans considering regional land use plans, including the relevant general plans. As the planned growth in the Banning area continues to occur, the demand on water resources will increase. However, the proposed Project and other reasonably foreseeable projects would be served by the existing and future water supplies identified in the analysis completed for the WSA, and also in the 2010 UWMP, approved and adopted by the City on XXX, which evaluate anticipated cumulative water demand against existing and planned supply and determined a sufficient water supply (including groundwater pumping that would not result in long-term depletion of groundwater resources) is available to serve anticipated demand, including the proposed Project.

While the Project’s increased water demand would represent a significant increase compared to current conditions, the WSA concludes that the incremental demand generated by this Project has been planned for by the City, has been taken into account in developing the City’s water supplies, and would not be cumulatively considerable and would be less than significant. Both governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations recommend that water decision-makers operate existing water systems to allow for increased flexibility. Other recommendations include incorporating climate change research into infrastructure design, conjunctively managing surface water and groundwater supplies, and integrating water and land use practices. With implementation of WS-2, less than significant impacts are anticipated.

7.0 FINDINGS REGARDING PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

As discussed in Chapter 4.0, the proposed Project would have potentially significant impacts to agricultural resources; biological resources; cultural resources; geology, soils and seismicity; hydrology and water quality; land use and planning; noise; public services and utilities; and water supply; however, mitigation measures can be implemented to reduce these impacts to a level that is less than significant. As described below in Section 6.4, Significant and Unavoidable Impacts of the Proposed Project, significant and unavoidable impacts would occur with regard to aesthetics, light, and glare; air quality; hazards and hazardous materials (fire hazards in PA 60 and 61), noise (cumulative); traffic and transportation; water supply (cumulative); and climate change. The analysis below compares a range of alternatives to the proposed Project to evaluate whether impacts would be greater, lesser, or similar to those resulting with the proposed Project.
As noted previously, the CEQA Guidelines (Section 15126.6(e)(2)) require that the alternatives discussion analyze the “No Project Alternative.” Pursuant to CEQA, the No Project Alternative refers to the analysis of existing conditions (i.e., implementation of current plans and consistency with available infrastructure and community services) and what would reasonably be expected to occur in the foreseeable future if the Project is not approved. When the project is the revision of an existing land use plan, the no project alternative is the continuation of the existing plan into the future and the Draft EIR’s discussion compared the projected impacts of the change that would result from approval of the project with the impacts that would occur under the existing plan. CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6(e)(3)(A).

Potential environmental impacts of three separate alternatives are compared below to impacts from the proposed Project. These alternatives were selected based upon their ability to avoid or substantially lessen the significant effects of the proposed Project, while still achieving the primary Project objectives (to develop the site in a manner generally consistent with the currently approved Deutsch Specific Plan).

Although no specific alternatives were identified during the Draft EIR Notice of Preparation (NOP) comment period and scoping process (see Appendix A), several residents did express concern regarding the Project density along the eastern boundary. In response to this, Pardee modified the Land Use Plan and created additional separation between the existing homes and proposed development.

For the purpose of this analysis, the alternatives are analyzed in comparison to the 5,387 dwelling unit Butterfield Specific Plan. The analysis for each of the Project alternatives identified below includes the following:

- Description of the alternative.
- Analysis of environmental impacts and comparison to the proposed Project. Pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, if an alternative would cause one or more significant effects in addition to those that would be caused by the Project as proposed, the significant effects of the alternative shall be discussed, but in less detail than the significant effects of the Project as proposed.
- Assessment of the ability of the alternative to meet the Project objectives (previously identified above and in Section 6.3).

The Project alternatives are:
- No Project/Existing Specific Plan Alternative
- Reduced Density – 20% Reduction Alternative
- Active Adult Community Alternative
- No Golf Course Alternative

Alternatives rejected from further consideration:
- No Development Alternative
- Alternative Site Alternative

CEQA states that the specific alternative of “No Project” shall also be evaluated along with its impact (15126.6(e)(1)). If the environmentally superior alternative is the “No Project” alternative, the Draft EIR shall also identify an environmentally superior alternative among the other alternatives (15126.6(e)(2)). A comparison of the proposed alternatives to the proposed Project is presented in Table 6-1, Comparison of Impacts Resulting from Project Alternatives as Compared to the Proposed Project, of the Draft EIR. An indication of whether the impacts resulting with each alternative would be lesser, greater, or similar to the proposed Project is given.
“Alternative Site” Alternative

The Alternative Site Alternative proposes that the proposed Project be built at an alternative location within the City of Banning; however, there are no available sites within the City that would accommodate the size, density, and amenities of the proposed Project while maintaining proximity to downtown Banning, and the feasibility of the applicant be able to assemble a site of similar size within a reasonable time frame is questionable. Currently, there are other land development projects underway that require large tracts of land, and available land within the City is physically incapable of accommodating the size and/or density of the proposed Project. Furthermore, this alternative would not achieve the Project objectives of updating the previously-approved 1993 Deutsch Property Specific Plan based on changes of circumstances and market conditions, or of implementing a comprehensive and cohesive plan for the physical and economic development of the property. For the above reasons, the Alternative Site Alternative was rejected from further consideration.

“No Project/No Development” Alternative

The No Project / No Development Alternative assumes that the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan Project would not occur, and the Project site would remain in its existing condition. No development would occur. The existing open space would remain, and the owner may continue the limited cattle grazing activities. No residential development, landscaping, infrastructure, commercial, public or private recreational facilities would be constructed or implemented. It is important to note that this Alternative does not reflect the landowner/Applicant’s current entitlement as set forth in the Deutsch Specific Plan. The site is designated for development in a manner generally consistent with the proposed Project, the City’s General Plan reflects this designation, and there have been no indications by City staff, elected officials or the public through the Draft EIR scoping process that there is a desire to repurchase the site from the owner to preserve it as permanent open space.

The No Project / No Development Alternative does not meet any of the basic Project objectives because it does not implement a comprehensive and cohesive plan for the physical and economic development of the property, does not provide a variety of residential uses oriented toward many types of incomes and stages of life, does not provide enhanced recreational amenities or establish a community plan that would provide well-integrated and compatible land uses, and does not provide adequate drainage, flood control and water quality improvements. The No Project/No Development Alternative would also be inconsistent with the City’s Housing Element and General Plan, would fail to provide increased revenue, employment and housing opportunities within the City, and would not provide the various infrastructure and service improvements associated with the Project (such as two new schools, a reserved fire station site, a potential satellite wastewater treatment plant site, and offsite drainage and road improvements). For these reasons, this alternative has been rejected from further consideration.

“No Project/Existing Specific Plan” Alternative

The No Project / Existing Specific Plan Alternative assumes that development as proposed with the Butterfield Specific Plan Project would not occur, and that the Project site would instead remain subject to the provisions contained within the currently approved Deutsch Property Specific Plan. The Deutsch Property Specific Plan provides for a total of 5,400 dwelling units (with a net density of 3.5 du/ac), three elementary schools, a 193-acre 18-hole championship golf course, a 10-acre community center, a 10-acre commercial site, a 5-acre medical/office site, and two community parks and three neighborhood parks (totaling approximately 75 acres of parks). The Deutsch Property Specific Plan includes a higher maximum number of dwelling units than the proposed Project (5,387 dwelling units) and an equivalent gross density (3.5 du/ac). Additionally, this alternative would have a slightly larger impact area (1,552 acres) than the proposed Project (1,543 acres). A detailed comparison of the currently approved Deutsch Specific Plan with the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan is provided in Section 3.4.2 and Table 3.0-3.
Butterfield/Deutsch Specific Plan Land Use Comparison, of the Draft EIR, and in Section 1.4 of the Draft Butterfield Specific Plan.

The primary differences between the presently approved and the proposed Specific Plan are:

- Similar dwelling units (5,400 in Deutsch SP vs. 5,387 in Butterfield)
- The Project would substantially increase open space (268 acres in Deutsch vs. 428.8 acres in Butterfield)
- The Project would increase commercial use from 25 to 36 acres
- The Project would include a site for a potential satellite wastewater treatment plant
- The Project includes a more efficient internal circulation system, including an NEV program
- The Project includes open space buffers along the northeastern boundary
- The Project includes creation of a 70-acre natural open space area in PA 71, preserving the steeper slopes in open space
- The Project includes a realignment of the golf course and Planning Areas to respect the identified seismic hazards
- The Project includes consideration of a 21-acre area that may be acquired and/or annexed in the future

This Alternative would not implement many of the Project Design Features noted in Section 3.8 of this Draft EIR, including clustered development (which reduces total grading and preserves the more visible higher elevations), avoiding of known seismic hazards, a more extensive and integrated water supply and conservation program, and other favorable improvements in the Project since its approval in 1993. This Alternative would result in similar or greater impacts as compared to the Project, and is not under consideration at this time.

“Reduced Density (20% Reduction)” Alternative

The purpose of the Reduced Density Alternative is to reduce impacts from the Project related to the number of units developed and the intensity of development. Under this alternative, the total number of residential dwelling units would be reduced from 5,387 to 4,318, representing a reduction of 1,069 units, or approximately 20 percent. This alternative assumes the development of 4,318 residential units in the same Planning Areas proposed with the Project. Under this alternative, the average residential density would be reduced from 3.5 to 2.8 dwelling units per acre (du/ac). The impacts of this alternative could be greater than or less than the impacts of the proposed Project with regard to specific issue areas. As a variation of this alternative, the site could be developed with higher density product in the lower elevations in a “cluster development” fashion, leaving increased natural open space in the northeastern areas and reducing the extent and cost of infrastructure improvements and site grading. The Deutsch Specific Plan presently allows for this flexibility with cluster development and mixed use overlays in the residential Planning Areas. This Alternative would overall have similar or reduced impacts in comparison to the Project, and is considered the Environmentally Superior Alternative.

“Active Adult Land Use Plan” Alternative

This alternative assumes that the Planning Areas 40-49 and 53-59 would be designated as exclusively age restricted, “active adult” homes (assumed to be 1,700 dwelling units [DU]). A total of 5,387 DU would still be constructed with this alternative. These age-restricted planning areas would take access off the North Loop Collector Road. Under an age-restricted, “active adult” homes scenario, the North Loop Road could be proposed as a gated, access-controlled private roadway. All other aspects of this alternative would be similar to the proposed Project. This option, in fact, is presently permitted within the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan, as a variation to the traditional single family housing (the Specific Plan includes two adult living scenarios, ranging from 1,460 to 2,042 DU). The net effect of the senior housing in these PAs would be approximately 53,000 average daily trips (ADT) in comparison to the Project’s 62,263
ADT (due to reduced trip generation rates for senior housing). This Alternative would have an overall similar or reduced impact in comparison to the Project, and remains as a potential implementation option under the proposed Specific Plan.

“No Golf Course” Alternative

This alternative reflects the Specific Plan’s option of not developing the proposed golf course in Planning Areas 35 and 39. This alternative assumes that other types of open space and recreational uses would be permitted as alternatives in the event the golf course is not developed due to market conditions or other considerations. These alternative uses include various combinations of parks, trails, native habitat, drainage facilities, water quality improvements, groundwater recharge areas, and wetland mitigation areas. This Alternative would result in slightly reduced impacts in comparison to the Project, due to possible slight reduction in traffic and water demands, depending on the alternative recreation options implemented. In addition, this Alternative would likely result in reduced grading or the ability to grade in phased increments, since the proposed Project would need to grade the entire golf course Planning Area at once.

Conclusion

An “Alternative Site” Alternative is not applicable, as the Project represents a revision to a previously approved Specific Plan. The Reduced Density Alternative is considered the Environmentally Superior Alternative, as it would have similar grading and surface disturbance impacts (biology, geology, archaeology, visual), with proportionate reductions in impacts related to Project density (approximately a 20% reduction in traffic, air quality, noise, public service/utility demands, water demands, etc). These reductions would reduce, but not avoid, the identified Unavoidable Significant Impacts of the Project. It should also be noted that the Project itself can be considered an environmentally superior alternative to the currently approved Deutsch Specific Plan, and that the applicant has already modified the proposed Land Use Plan in response to City staff comments and input from the public during the Project scoping process (refer to Section 2.3.1, Scope of the Draft EIR).

“Environmentally Superior” Alternative

Section 15126(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines indicates that an analysis of alternatives to the proposed project shall identify one alternative to the project as the environmentally superior alternative. Table 6-1, Comparison of Impacts Resulting from Project Alternatives As Compared to the Proposed Project, of the Draft EIR, provides a summary matrix that compares the impacts associated with the Project with the impacts of each of the proposed alternatives. Of the alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIR, the Reduced Density Alternative is considered environmentally superior overall.

Although superior in reducing environmental impacts (refer to Section 6.5, subsection “Reduced Density (20% Reduction) Alternative”, above for analysis of impacts regarding relevant CEQA topical areas), it would still have the same types of significant and unavoidable impacts. Even with a 20% reduction in project size and design changes, there would still be significant and unavoidable project impacts associated with light and glare, construction and operational air quality, Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) consistency, and traffic and cumulative impacts associated with light and glare, operational air quality, climate change, mobile source noise, and traffic. Also, by reducing the density of the project by approximately 20%, the reduced density would not fulfill certain objectives to the same degree as the proposed Project.
Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Butterfield Specific Plan Project

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**Aesthetics, Light and Glare**

**AES -1:** Development or revegetation shall be initiated within three months following initiation of mass grading or clearing activities, so as to limit the time graded surfaces remain in their exposed state, consistent with the Specific Plan’s approved landscape design guidelines and landscape plans and the provisions of Title 18.15.020 of the City’s Municipal Code. A Revegetation Plan, addressing interim revegetation during construction and for future development areas prior to buildout, shall be submitted for City review and approval as part of each grading permit application.

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**AES -2:** The faces of all slopes shall be prepared, protected and maintained to control erosion and to reduce the visual impacts of slope grading. Slopes in excess of ten feet in height shall be graded pursuant to City Code requirements. Devices or procedures for erosion protections shall be installed as prescribed by State law and regulations and Title 18 of the City’s Municipal Code and shall be maintained in operable condition by the developer during the duration of the activity for which the grading permit was issued. The use of plastic sheeting for erosion control shall be avoided except where required in emergency conditions to prevent land slippage. Preferred means of erosion and sediment control on slopes and pads shall include hydromulching, placement of straw bales and wind fencing, and the use of straw blankets and similar devices.

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**AES -3:** The Project developer shall maintain the site free of debris, which shall be promptly removed from the site when found at least once a quarter and at least daily during construction, and the Project developer shall monitor the site at least once a quarter and at least daily during construction to protect the site from illegal dumping.

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- Use of low-sodium lamps of 4,050 lumens (maximum), to provide for adequate public safety and security;
- A lighting standard that is shielded to direct illumination downward and to limit casting light and glare on adjacent properties;
- Exterior lighting, including street lights, landscape lighting, parking lot lighting, and lighting of the interior of parks and trails shall be sufficient to establish a sense of well-being for the pedestrian and sufficient to facilitate recognition of persons at a reasonable distance. Type (lighting standard) and placement of lighting shall be to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director or designee and shall be consistent with the requirements of the City’s most current lighting ordinance and the standards of the Specific Plan;
- A minimum of one foot-candle at ground level overlap provided in all exterior doorways and vehicle parking areas, and on outdoor pedestrian walkways presented on a photometric plan; and
- Outdoor light fixtures that are not covered by the Specific Plan’s lighting standards shall be subject to the City of Banning Municipal Code.
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- Contractors shall use high-pressure-low-volume (HPLV) paint applicators with a minimum transfer efficiency of at least 50 percent;  
- Coatings and solvents with a ROG content lower than required under Rule 1113 shall be used;  
- Construction and building materials that do not require painting shall be used where readily available; and  
- Pre-painted construction materials shall be used where readily available. | DPW, BO | C, F | A2, C2 |
| **AQ-4:** Prior to issuance of any Grading Permit, the Director of Public Works and the Building Official shall confirm that the Grading Plan, Building Plans and specifications stipulate that, in compliance with SCAQMD Rule 403, ozone precursor emissions from construction equipment vehicles shall be controlled by maintaining equipment engines in good condition and in proper tune per manufacturer’s specifications, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. A set of maintenance records shall be provided to the City before grading commences. The City Inspector shall be responsible for ensuring that contractors comply with this measure during construction. | DPW, BO | C, F | A2, C2 |
| **AQ-5:** Prior to issuance of any Grading Permit, the grading plan shall indicate dust management measures for review and approval by the City Engineer, to identify viable dust control measures and include a monitoring plan to be implemented throughout the construction phases of the Specific Plan. In accordance with the Specific Plan and City’s Municipal Code, the dust management measures shall minimize wind-blown particles by including:  
- All applicable mitigation measures identified in this EIR (related to dust control) and otherwise required by the City or SCAQMD;  
- An erosion and sediment control plan to minimize wind or waterborne transport of soil onto adjacent properties, streets, storm drains, or drainages; and  
- A Revegetation Plan to address interim conditions between initial grading and final site development. The Revegetation Plan, although focused on the control of wind and water erosion, shall consider compatibility with fuel modification zone. | CE | C, F | A2, C2 |

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**AQ-6:** GPS-controlled “machine-guided grading”, or other equivalent grading techniques, shall be incorporated into Project grading plans, subject to review and approval by the City Engineer. The City Engineer shall approve the areas of the site where this technology shall be used.

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**AQ-7:** The following measures shall be implemented during construction to substantially reduce NOX related emissions. They shall be included in the Grading Plan, Building Plans, and specifications.

- Off-road diesel equipment operators shall be required to shut down their engines rather than idle for more than five minutes, and shall ensure that all off-road equipment is compliant with the CARB in-use off-road diesel vehicle regulation and SCAQMD Rule 2449.
- The following note shall be included on all grading plans: “The City shall require construction contractors to utilize diesel powered construction equipment that meets EPA-Certified Tier III emissions standards, or higher according to the following:
  - January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2014: All off-road diesel-powered construction equipment greater than 50 hp shall meet Tier 3 off-road emissions standards at a minimum. In addition, all construction equipment shall be outfitted with BACT devices certified by CARB. Any emissions control device used by the contractor shall achieve emissions reductions that are no less than what could be achieved by a Level 3 diesel emissions control strategy for a similarly sized engine as defined by CARB regulations.
  - Post-January 1, 2015: All off-road diesel-powered construction equipment greater than 50 hp shall meet the Tier 4 emission standards, where available. In addition, all construction equipment shall be outfitted with BACT devices certified by CARB. Any emissions control device used by the contractor shall achieve emissions reductions that are no less than what could be achieved by a Level 3 diesel emissions control strategy for a similarly sized engine as defined by CARB regulations.
  - A copy of each unit’s certified tier specification, BACT documentation, and
CARB or SCAQMD operating permit shall be provided at the time of mobilization of each applicable unit of equipment.

- Encourage construction contractors to apply for AQMD “SOON” funds. Incentives could be provided for those construction contractors who apply for AQMD “SOON” funds. The “SOON” program provides funds to accelerate clean up of off-road diesel vehicles, such as heavy duty construction equipment. More information on this program can be found at the following website: http://www.aqmd.gov/tao/Implementation/SOONProgram.htm

- The contractor and applicant, if the applicant’s equipment is used, shall maintain construction equipment engines by keeping them tuned and regularly serviced to minimize exhaust emissions.

- Low sulfur fuel for stationary construction equipment shall be required. This is required by SCAQMD Rules 431.1 and 431.2.

- Existing power sources (i.e., power poles) shall be used when available.

- Construction parking shall be located on-site where possible and shall be configured to minimize traffic interference.

- Obstruction of through-traffic lanes shall be minimized by providing temporary traffic controls such as flag persons, cones and/or signage during all phases of construction when needed to maintain smooth traffic flow. Construction shall be planned so that lane closures on existing streets are kept to a minimum.

- Construction operations affecting traffic shall be scheduled for off-peak hours, except in situations deemed necessary.

- Develop a traffic plan to minimize traffic flow interference from construction activities. The plan shall specify the times during which construction activities will occur and particular times when travel lanes cannot be blocked (e.g., peak traffic periods as directed by the affected City Engineer). The plans shall provide details regarding the placement of traffic control, warning devices and detours. As a supplement to the traffic plan, the construction contractor shall coordinate with the affected agency to determine the need for a public information program which would inform area residents, employers and business owners of the details concerning construction schedules and expected travel delays, detours, and blocking of turning lanes.

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- Overview of project information
- Weekly updates on location of construction zones;
- Identification of street(s) affected by construction;
- Times when construction activities will occur and when traffic delays, and blockage of intersection turning movements can be expected; and
- Identification of alternate routes which could be used to avoid construction.

AQ-8: The potential future construction and implementation of an onsite WWTP shall require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to be approved by the City of Banning, as well as design review of the proposed site plan and building architecture, landscaping and lighting.

### Biological Resources

**BIO-1:** Prior to the commencement of grading during the nesting season (approximately mid-February through mid-August), all suitable habitat shall be surveyed for the presence of nesting birds by a qualified biologist prior to site disturbance. Should any active nests be located, construction must comply with Migratory Bird Treaty Act requirements, including a 300-foot construction buffer around active nests or avoiding construction during the nesting season if a 300-foot buffer is infeasible.

**BIO-2:** A preconstruction clearance survey for burrowing owl will be performed within 30 days prior to ground disturbance in potentially suitable habitat within the site, pursuant to CDFG protocols. The preconstruction survey will include a 300-foot buffer if between February 1 and August 31 (nesting season) and a 100-foot buffer if outside of this period. If owls are found within the survey area during the nesting season, construction activities will not occur within 300 feet of the occupied burrows until nesting is completed. A qualified biologist must confirm that the nesting effort has been completed prior to the removal of the work buffer restriction. If owls are found within the disturbance footprint outside of the February 1 through August 31 period, passive relocation (e.g. use of one way doors and collapse of burrows) will occur. These surveys and mitigation for burrowing owl are consistent with Section 6.3.2, Additional Survey Needs and Procedures of the MSHCP.
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| BIO-3: | The applicant shall provide mitigation for the temporary disturbance to 9.22 acres of CDFG jurisdictional waters at a minimum 1:1 ratio, which includes approximately 0.02 acres of vegetated riparian habitat, and the temporary disturbance to 8.65 acres of Regional Board and USACE jurisdiction. The applicant shall provide mitigation for the permanent impact disturbance to 2.47 acres of CDFG jurisdiction, of which 0.41 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat and the permanent disturbance to 1.17 acres of USACE jurisdiction, of which 0.01 acre consists of jurisdictional wetlands.

The mitigation requirements will be determined through applicable regulatory permitting programs of CDFG, RWQCB, and USACE, and shall consist of minimum 1:1 mitigation through onsite restoration of 9.22 acres within the Smith Creek drainage and other onsite areas, which will be performed concurrently with development of the golf course (PAs 35 and 39) or alternative uses within these PAs and 1:1 mitigation through onsite restoration of 2.47 acres of permanent habitat within, or adjacent to, Smith Creek. |
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| BIO-5: | The following mitigations shall be incorporated into the construction plans and specifications to minimize any potentially adverse construction impacts:

- Construction areas will be watered regularly to control dust and minimize impacts to adjacent vegetation and wildlife habitat.
- Short-term stream diversions will be accomplished by use of gravel bags or other methods that will result in minimal in-stream impacts. Short-term diversions will be evaluated through the riparian/riverine component of the MSHCP Consistency analysis (Section 6.1.2) (refer to Mitigation Measure BIO-4) which will require a DBESP analysis to be prepared. In addition the 401, 404, and 1602 permitting processes will evaluate short-term impacts relative to stream diversions. All biological mitigation measures contained within the 401, 404 and 1602 approval conditions and DBESP |
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### Climate Change

#### GHG-1: Prior to the issuance of building permits, the following measures shall be reflected on applicable tract maps, building permits, improvement plans, landscape plans and/or grading plans:

1. **Green Building Practices**
   1. **Water Conservation** – All appliances such as showerheads, lavatory faucets and sink faucets shall comply with efficiency standards set forth in Title 20, California Administrative Code Section 1604(f). Title 24 of the California Administrative Code Section 1606(b) prohibits the installation of fixtures unless the manufacturer has certified to the California Energy Conservation compliance with the flow rate standards.
   2. **Water Conservation** – Low-flush toilets shall be installed as specified in

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| 8) **Energy, Water, and Recycling** – The builder shall be conditioned to provide the following:  
  - Energy efficient appliances;  
  - Energy efficient indoor lighting  
  - Water efficient smart controllers for landscaping  
  - Water efficient plumbing in all buildings  
  - Integrate recycling into residential home design. Create areas in the home to promote recycling (additional trash cans in cabinets, etc.) | | | |

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<td>9) <strong>Carbon Sequestration</strong> – The builder shall plant an average of approximately 40 trees per landscaped acre (where landscaping is provided) as a means to capture (sequester) carbon dioxide emissions and to provide shade to the buildings, which can decrease the need for air conditioning.</td>
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<td>10) <strong>Green Education Program</strong> - In order to increase awareness of green building practices and to promote water and energy conservation, the builder(s) shall develop and implement a green educational program. The program shall include but not necessarily be limited to a pamphlet that educates and promotes conservation practices that homeowners can implement, with specific guidance on landscaping with drought tolerant plants, use of efficient irrigation systems, compact fluorescent lighting, and other measures that help lower GHG emissions.</td>
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<td>11) <strong>Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting</strong> – Lighting for public streets, parking areas, and recreation areas shall utilize energy efficient light and mechanical, computerized or photo cell switching devices to reduce unnecessary energy usage.</td>
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**b) Solid Waste Measures**

1) Reuse and recycle construction and demolition waste (including, but not limited to, soil, vegetation, concrete, lumber, metal, and cardboard).

2) Shall comply with state model ordinance AB 1327, Chapter 18 California Solid Water Reuse and Recycling Access Act of 1991, which requires interior and exterior storage areas for recyclables and green waste and adequate recycling containers located in public areas.

**c) Transportation and Motor Vehicles**

1) Limit idling time for commercial vehicles, including delivery and construction vehicles, pursuant to applicable SCAQMD and City requirements.

2) Promote ride sharing programs e.g., by designating a certain percentage of...
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<td>parking spaces for ride sharing vehicles, designating adequate passenger loading and unloading and waiting areas for ride sharing vehicles, and providing a web site or message board for coordinating rides. The actual percentage of potential ride sharing vehicle spaces will be determined in coordination with the City Planning Director or designee based on square footage and use type (e.g., shopping center, office, fitness center, etc.) prior to approval of a site plan within the commercial land use Planning Areas.</td>
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<td>3) Provide adequate bicycle parking near non-residential building entrances to promote cyclist safety, security, and convenience. Provide facilities that encourage bicycle commuting (e.g., locked bicycle storage or covered or indoor bicycle parking).</td>
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**GHG-2:** The Butterfield Specific Plan shall be conditioned to allow the following uses (as reflected on future tract maps and commercial site plans), to further promote renewable energy resources, including:

- a) Allowing rooftop solar on all structures, subject to City Municipal Code and related building permit provisions;
- b) Allowing electric vehicle charging stations at all commercial, park, golf course, multifamily residential, and school areas, subject to a Conditional Use Permit; and
- c) Allowing hydrogen vehicle fueling stations within the Commercial zone, subject to a Conditional Use Permit.

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**Cultural Resources**

**CUL-1:** The Project Applicant shall prepare a paleontological resource impact mitigation program (PRIMP) for the grading and excavation phase of the Project, including both on- and off-site activities. The PRIMP shall be submitted for review and approval prior to issuance of any grading permit, and shall conform to the guidelines of the County of Riverside and the
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<td>• A trained paleontological monitor shall be present during initial mass grading or deep trenching activities within the Project in sediment areas determined likely to contain paleontological resources. If paleontological resources are located within excavation, the monitoring program will change to full-time. The monitor shall be empowered to temporarily halt or redirect construction activities to ensure avoidance of adverse impacts to paleontological resources. The monitor shall be equipped to rapidly remove any large fossil specimens encountered during excavation. During monitoring, samples shall be collected and processed to recover microvertebrate fossils. Processing shall include wet screen washing and microscopic examination of the residual materials to identify small vertebrate remains.</td>
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<td>• Upon encountering a large deposit of bone, salvage of all bone in the area shall be conducted with additional field staff and in accordance with modern paleontological techniques.</td>
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<td>• All fossils collected during the Project shall be prepared to a reasonable point of identification. Excess sediment or matrix shall be removed from the specimens to reduce the bulk and cost of storage. Itemized catalogs of all material collected and identified shall be provided to the museum repository along with the specimens.</td>
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<td>• A report documenting the results of the monitoring and salvage activities and the significance of the fossils will be prepared.</td>
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<td>• All fossils collected during this work, along with the itemized inventory of these specimens, shall be deposited in a museum repository for permanent curation and storage.</td>
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<td><strong>CUL-2:</strong> Prior to the issuance of a grading permit, an archaeological resource monitoring plan shall be developed by a qualified archaeologist. This plan shall include a grading observation schedule, to be maintained when initial mass grading occurs in upper soils, to identify and further evaluate any cultural resources that may be discovered in the Project area. A qualified archaeologist shall be retained to attend pre-grading meetings and to monitor earth moving activities, including clearing, grubbing, cutting, and trenching at the site. The archaeologist shall carefully inspect these areas to assess the potential for significant prehistoric or historic remains. If potential archaeological and historical resources are uncovered, the construction contractor shall cease grading operations in the vicinity of the find until further evaluation is conducted.</td>
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<td>undertaken to assess the discovery. Further subsurface investigation may be needed if the resource is determined unique or important for its prehistoric or historic information.</td>
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<td><strong>CUL-3:</strong> All earthmoving activity occurring within 30 meters of the on-site refuse scatter (LSA-PDH0601-H-2) shall be monitored by a qualified archaeologist. If archaeological remnants are discovered during monitoring, the archaeologist shall have the authority to divert construction in order to assess the significance of the find. Remnants shall be properly evaluated, documented, and deposited as applicable, consistent with State and local protocols.</td>
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<td><strong>CUL-4:</strong> If previously unknown cultural resources, including human remains, are identified during grading activities, a qualified archaeologist shall be retained to assess the nature and significance of the find. If human remains are encountered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. The County Coroner shall be notified of the find immediately. If the remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which shall determine and notify a Most Likely Descendant (MLD). With the permission of the landowner or his/her authorized representative, the MLD may inspect the site of the discovery. The MLD shall complete the inspection within 24 hours of notification by the NAHC. The MLD may recommend scientific removal and nondestructive analysis of human remains and items associated with Native American burials.</td>
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<td><strong>GEO-1:</strong> All structures on the Project site shall be constructed pursuant to the most current applicable seismic standards, as determined by the City as part of the tract map, grading plan, and building permit review processes, with building setbacks as recommended by the Project’s Seismic Hazard Analysis (Geocon 2005). Design criteria developed for Project structures shall also be based on the most current standards of practice and design parameters suggested by the Structural Engineers Association of California based on the recommendations and amendments to the CBC by the Division of State Architect for specific types of buildings and occupancies.</td>
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<td><strong>GEO-2:</strong> A detailed analysis of site geotechnical conditions, field investigation and slope stability analyses shall be conducted as 40-scale grading plans for mass and fine grading are prepared in the course of the phased development of the Project site. These studies shall be submitted to</td>
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GEO-3: The Project site shall be constructed pursuant to the following mitigation measure contained in the City of Banning General Plan EIR, Geotechnical Element:

- During the site grading, all existing vegetation and debris shall be removed from areas that are to receive compacted fill. Any trees to be removed shall have a minimum of 95 percent of the root systems extracted. Man-made objects shall be over excavated and exported from the site. Removal of unsuitable materials may require excavation to depths ranging from 2 to 4 feet or more below the existing site grade.
- All fill soil, whether on site or imported, shall be approved by the individual Project soils engineer prior to placement as compaction fill. All fill soil shall be free from vegetation, organic material, cobbles and boulders greater than 6 inches in diameter, and other debris. Approved soil shall be placed in horizontal lifts or appropriate thickness as prescribed by the soils engineer and watered or aerated as necessary to obtain near-optimum moisture-content.
- Fill materials shall be completely and uniformly compacted to not less than 90 percent of the laboratory maximum density, as determined by American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Test Method D-1557-78, or equivalent test method acceptable to the City Building Department. The project soils engineer shall observe the placement of fill and take sufficient tests to verify the moisture content, uniformity, and degree of compaction obtained. In-place soil density should be determined by the sand-cone method, in accordance with ASTM Test Method D1556-64 (74), or equivalent test method acceptable to the City Building Department.
- Finish cut slopes generally shall not be inclined steeper than 2:1 (horizontal to vertical). Attempts to excavate near-vertical temporary cuts for retaining walls or utility installation in excess of 5 feet may result in gross failure of the cut and may possibly damage equipment and injure workers. All cut slopes must be inspected during grading to provide additional recommendations for safe construction.
- Finish fill slopes shall not be inclined steeper than 2:1 (horizontal to vertical). Fill slope surfaces shall be compacted to 90 percent of the laboratory maximum density by

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<td>either overfilling and cutting back to expose a compacted core or by approved mechanical methods.</td>
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<td>• Foundation systems that utilize continuous and spread footings are recommended for the support of one- and two-story structures. Foundations for higher structures must be evaluated based on structure design and on-site soil conditions.</td>
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<td>• Retaining walls shall be constructed to adopted building code standards and inspected by the Building Inspector.</td>
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<td>• Positive site drainage shall be established during finish grading. Finish lot grading shall include a minimum positive gradient of 2 percent away from structures for a minimum distance of 3 feet and a minimum gradient of 1 percent to the street or other approved drainage course.</td>
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<td>• Utility trench excavations in slope areas or within the zone of influence of structures should be properly backfilled in accordance with the following:</td>
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<td>(a) Pipes shall be bedded with a minimum of 6 inches of pea gravel or approved granular soil. Similar material shall be used to provide a cover of at least 1 foot over the pipe. This backfill shall then be uniformly compacted by mechanical means or jetted to a firm and unyielding condition.</td>
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<td>(b) Remaining backfill may be fine-grained soils. It shall be placed in lifts not exceeding 6 inches in thickness or as determined appropriate, watered, or aerated to near optimum moisture content, and mechanically completed to a minimum of 90 percent of the laboratory maximum density.</td>
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<td>(c) Pipes in trenches within 5 feet of the top of slopes or on the face of slopes shall be bedded and backfilled with pea gravel or approved granular soils as described above. The remainder of the trench backfill shall comprise typical on-site fill soil mechanically completed as described in the previous paragraph.</td>
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- Procedures for identification of contaminated soil during earthmoving operations;
- Immediate measures to protect workers and the public from exposure to contaminated areas (e.g., fencing or hazard flagging, covering of contaminated soils with plastic, etc.) and prevent migration of the contaminants to the surrounding environment; and
- Steps to be taken following initial discovery of contaminated soils. Notification shall be made to the local environmental health officials and the City’s construction inspector(s) immediately following identification of previously unknown contamination within the construction area. In the event hazardous substances are encountered during site grading, work shall immediately cease in the area and the property owner/developer shall retain a qualified hazardous materials engineer to assess the impacts and prepare a response plan using risk-based cleanup standards applicable to residential land use. Upon approval of the response plan by the Fire Department or other agency, as applicable, the engineer shall obtain any required permits, oversee the removal of such features and/or conduct the response work to the satisfaction of the Fire Department or other agency, as applicable, until closure status is attained.

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**HAZ-2:** As part of construction specifications, procedures for the fueling and maintenance of construction vehicles shall be required to minimize the potential for accidental release of hazardous materials. This shall include locating refueling and maintenance areas minimum of 500 feet from occupied residential uses. Drip plans shall be placed under motorized equipment when parked on the site to prevent soil contamination from dripping oil or other fluids.

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**HAZ-3:** Hazardous construction waste management practices are to be implemented pursuant to the Best Management Practices contained in the California Stormwater BMP Handbook (2009) and shall include the following:

1. All hazardous construction wastes as defined by Title 22 Division 4.5, or listed in 40 CFR Parts 110, 117, 261, or 302, including but not limited to petroleum products, concrete curing compounds, palliatives, septic wastes, stains, wood preservatives, asphalt products, pesticides, acids, paints, solvents, roofing tar, sandblasting grid

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mixed with lead-, cadmium-, or chromium based paints, asbestos, or PCBs, that cannot be reused or recycled shall be disposed of by a licensed hazardous waste hauler.

2. Wastes shall be stored in sealed containers constructed of suitable material and shall be labeled as required by Title 22 CCR, Division 4.5 and 49 CFR Parts 172, 173, 178, and 179.

3. Waste containers shall be stored in temporary containment facilities that should comply with the following requirements:
   a. Temporary containment facility shall provide for a spill containment volume equal to 1.5 times the volume of all containers able to contain precipitation from a 25 year storm event plus the greater of 10 percent of the aggregate volume of all containers or 100 percent of the largest tank within its boundary, whichever is greater.
   b. Temporary containment facility shall be impervious to the materials stored there for a minimum contact time of 72 hours.
   c. Temporary containment facilities shall be maintained free of accumulated rainwater and spills. In the event of spills or leaks, accumulated rainwater and spills should be placed into drums after each rainfall. These liquids shall be handled as a hazardous waste unless testing determines them to be non-hazardous.
   d. Sufficient separation shall be provided between stored containers to allow for spill cleanup and emergency response access.
   e. Incompatible materials such as chlorine and ammonia shall not be stored in the same temporary containment facility.
   d. Throughout the rainy season, temporary containment facilities shall be covered during non-working days and prior to rain events.

4. Storage drums shall not be overfilled and wastes should not be mixed.

5. Unless watertight, containers of dry waste shall be stored on pallets.

6. Herbicides and pesticides shall not be over used. Only the amount needed shall be prepared. Apply surface dressings in several small applications as opposed to one large application. Allow time for infiltration and avoid excess material being carried off-site by runoff. Do not apply such chemicals immediately prior to rain events. All

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**HAZ-4** The abandoned well identified in the 2007 Converse Consultant’s Technical Memorandum for the Butterfield Specific Plan shall be properly capped and any associated pipeline abandoned and/or removed from the site pursuant to applicable State and federal Guidelines.

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<td>• The batteries, auto parts, tires and the diesel engine observed on the concrete pad next to the well and any associated fuel sources shall be removed and disposed of in compliance with all applicable regulations by waste haulers certified by the State for the handling and disposal of such wastes;</td>
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<td>• Piles of asphalt debris and inert trash observed in various locations throughout the property shall be removed following their inspection by a hazardous waste consultant and, if required, by a cultural resource consultant, and the material removed and disposed of pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations.</td>
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<td>• Prior to the removal of any potentially hazardous debris, additional environmental assessment and testing shall be completed pursuant to the recommendations of a certified environmental consultant and appropriate methods of handling and disposal shall be identified and implemented pursuant to existing (or then current) regulations and procedures for any particular hazardous waste or toxic material identified.</td>
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<td>HAZ-6 The contractor shall ensure that precautions are taken to avoid the Southern California Gas Company pipeline observed crossing the property diagonally from the west-center of the Project site to the southeast corner and that may be present along the alignments of the proposed off-site infrastructure. Such precautions shall include calling Dig Alert prior to any construction activity to determine and mark the exact location of this pipeline and close coordination with Southern California Gas Company to ensure that appropriate measures are taken by SCGC, including potential reduction in pressure and on-site monitoring, to protect both workers and the pipeline from accidental damage during grading activities. The appropriate identification and setbacks shall be maintained in order to ensure the safety of adjacent properties.</td>
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#### HAZ-8: A permit shall be obtained from the Riverside County Fire Department (Banning Services Unit) and, if required, from the County Department of Environmental Health, prior to installation of any temporary above ground fuel storage tank on the Project site.

- A hazardous materials business plan consisting of an owner/operator page, a chemical description/inventory page, and a site map must be submitted with the application for permit.
- The storage area shall be kept free of weeds and extraneous combustible material.
- Plans must be submitted for approval prior to installation. Aboveground fuel/mixed liquid tanks(s) shall meet the following standard: Tank must be tested and labeled to UL2085 Protected Tank Standard or SwRI 93-01. The test must include the Projectile Penetration Test and the Heavy Vehicle Impact Test. A sample copy of the tank’s label from an independent test laboratory must be submitted with the tank plans.
- The tank shall be kept 50 feet from buildings and conspicuously marked with the name DIESEL and COMBUSTIBLE – KEEP FIRE AWAY.
- The tank shall be located within a secondary containment area such as earthen berms covered from end to end by a thick mil plastic. Concrete or steel may also be used to provide secondary containment. Show calculations for secondary containment on the Site Plan.
- The tank shall be secured to prevent movement on the containment surface or be mounted on metal skids (not on an elevated stilt rack).
- The project manager or contractor shall contact the fire department representative for inspections at the time prior to when product is put into the tank to verify compliance, AND at the time when the tank is removed from the site to check for evidence of ground contamination.

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#### HAZ-9: Prior to the approval of Final Tract maps, the City Engineer and Riverside County Fire Department (Banning Services Unit) shall discuss with the Applicant approximate locations of work activities and ingress and egress points in and out of the construction site to assure there

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<td>is adequate access and communications protocols for emergency response vehicles during each of the proposed construction phases.</td>
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Hydrology and Water Quality

**HWQ-1**: The following measures shall be reflected in applicable Tentative Tract Maps (TTMs), site plans, grading plans, and/or improvement plans to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, prior to applicable plan/permit approval:

1. All building pads within the Specific Plan shall be constructed so that they are free from flood hazard for the 100-year frequency storm by elevating finished floor elevations above the 100-year level of flood protection.
2. The depths of flow in the Project’s streets shall not exceed top of curb elevations for the 10-year frequency storm event.
3. Streets shall be oriented to allow for maximum potential conveyance of regional flooding during significant storm events to expedite the passage of storm flows through the Specific Plan area.
4. The Specific Plan will be phased so that 100-year flood protection is ensured in all areas of development. Interim improvements (such as temporary debris basin, earthen channels/berms, check dams, sand bag barriers, or other temporary BMP and flood protection measures; refer to Mitigation Measure HWQ-1, bullet #6 and 7 below) shall be provided as development progresses to protect against flooding, erosion, siltation, and water quality impacts.
5. All subdivisions implemented as part of the Specific Plan shall be required to detain any incremental increase in drainage within the Project Boundary until the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Master Drainage Plan (“Banning” – Zone 5) is fully implemented downstream of the Project site.
6. Construction of each phase shall include an assessment of the size and flow patterns of the adjacent undeveloped areas of the Specific Plan site. Interim phase on-site facilities shall provide developed phases with required flood protection pursuant to Code.
7. Temporary basins shall be constructed to meet detention requirements and earthen channels/berms shall be used to divert and convey flows during construction phases.

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**NOI-1**: As a condition of approval of all grading and building permits, the Applicant shall comply with the following list of noise reduction measures, subject to inclusion of additional provisions at the discretion of the Building Official as appropriate:

- Excavation, grading, and other noise-intensive construction activities related to the proposed Project shall be restricted to the hours of operation allowed under Section 8.44.090.E, Noise Prohibited – Unnecessary Noise Standard – Construction, Landscape Maintenance or Repair, of the City Municipal Code. Any deviations from these standards shall require the written approval of the City Building Official. The days and hours shall also apply to any servicing of equipment and to the movement of materials to and from the site.
- The developer shall require, as a condition of contract, that all construction equipment operating on the site be equipped with mufflers and sound control devices (e.g., intake silencers and noise shrouds) no less effective than those provided on the original equipment and no equipment shall have an unmuffled exhaust.
- The developer shall require all contractors, as a condition of contract, to maintain and tune-up all construction equipment to minimize noise emissions.
- Stockpiling and vehicle staging areas shall be located a minimum of 500 feet from occupied residences, and screened from these uses by a solid noise attenuation barrier where necessary to achieve City Municipal Code-required noise attenuation levels.
- Solid noise attenuation barriers (temporary barriers or noise curtains) with a sound transmission coefficient (STC) of at least 20 shall be used along Project boundaries adjacent to sensitive receptors, where noise monitoring, performed by a qualified noise monitor, indicates exceedance of City Municipal Code noise levels for more than 15 minutes in any one hour period.
- Construction activities that occur outside the allowable hours per City standards (6 PM to 7 AM) shall require approval of the City Building Official based on demonstration of unusual circumstances and avoidance of significant impacts to neighboring sensitive receptors. Construction noise exceeding City standards (i.e., interior noise in excess of 50 dBA or exterior noise in excess of 65 dBA) and statutory time limits is anticipated.
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<td>• All stationary construction equipment (e.g., air compressor, generators, etc.) shall be operated as far away from the residential and institutional uses as practicable. If necessary to meet the City’s noise standards, the equipment shall be shielded with temporary sound barriers, sound aprons, or sound skins to the satisfaction of the Building Official.</td>
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<td>• Construction haul routes for large equipment and material import/export shall be specified to minimize the use of routes affecting sensitive receptors (e.g., residential, parks, hospitals, schools, convalescent homes, etc.). Construction phasing for individual subdivisions shall be designed to avoid the need for construction vehicles and related construction traffic to traverse occupied residential neighborhoods. In all cases, trucks shall utilize a route that is least disruptive to sensitive receptors. Construction trucks shall avoid weekday and Saturday AM and PM peak hours (7 AM to 9 AM and 4 PM to 6 PM).</td>
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<td>• A procedure and phone numbers for notifying the City Building and Safety Department staff and Banning Police Department (during regular construction hours and off-hours);</td>
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- The designation of an on-site construction complaint and enforcement manager for the Project. The manager shall act as a liaison between the Project and its neighbors. The manager's responsibilities and authority shall include the following:
  - An active role in monitoring project compliance with respect to noise;
  - Ability to reschedule noisy construction activities to reduce effects on surrounding sensitive receivers;
  - Site supervision of all potential sources of noise (e.g., material delivery, construction staging areas, construction workers, debris box pick-up and delivery) for all trades;
  - Intervening or discussing mitigation options with contractors; and
  - Conducting a preconstruction meeting shall be held with the job inspectors and the general contractor/on-site project manager to confirm that noise measures and practices (including construction hours, neighborhood notification, posted signs, etc.) are completed.

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- Clustering multifamily units around shared courtyard spaces with appropriate amenities that draw residents into the common area and encourage the development of relationships between neighbors through interaction in the public domain (See Oscar Newman, *Creating Defensible Space*, 1996, Institute for Community Design Analysis, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research for applicable guidelines and design criteria.)

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<td><strong>TRF-2:</strong> As part of each Final Tract Map, or appropriate group of maps, the Applicant shall prepare a TIA Validation Report (TVR) based on the criteria provided herein for review and approval by the City Engineer. Final Tract Map approvals resulting in less than 500 p.m. peak hour trips (Exempt Maps) shall not require a TVR unless the cumulative total of prior approved Exempt Maps exceeds 1,000 p.m. peak hour trips since the last TVR. The TVR shall identify which of the Existing Plus Project improvements identified in Table 4.13-9, are required to be constructed for the respective Final Tract Map, to ensure adequate emergency access and satisfactory levels of service. “Existing plus Project” improvements in the City of Banning identified in an approved TVR shall be conditions of Final Tract Map approval. To the extent that any of the improvements mentioned above are included in a fee program, the cost for those improvements, if constructed by the Applicant, will be eligible for fee credits. The ongoing traffic impact assessment program will be based on the p.m. peak-hour trip threshold. The Final Tract Maps’ total number of p.m. peak hour trips will be established based on the trip generation listed in Table 4.13-7, Project Trip Generation. If a portion of commercial development and some residential development is included in the Final Tract Map, the total number of trips generated by each use (commercial and residential) will be calculated for the p.m. peak hour and compared to a predefined threshold.</td>
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**TRF-3:** Improvement plans shall be prepared for each Project-related offsite traffic improvement and approved by the City Engineer. Improvement plans shall incorporate the following considerations, as applicable:

a) Obtain encroachment permit(s) from the applicable jurisdiction(s) for offsite improvements;

b) Through creative design techniques, where determined appropriate and consistent with City policy, modify roadway geometry to reduce potential impacts to existing developed areas (such as reduced lane widths, reduced or eliminated medians, reduced turn lane transition zones, and/or shifting intersection approaches to widen intersection quadrants where associated impacts would be reduced);

c) Maintain access for existing residences and businesses at all times;

d) Replace landscaped areas within the affected parcel and along the parcel frontage wherever practical;

e) Assist the affected property owner in re-striping affected parking areas and/or reconfiguring affected driveways to avoid or offset improvement-related impacts;

f) Follow applicable Project EIR mitigation measures related to biological resources (i.e., BIO-1 through BIO-5), with respect to minimizing loss of native vegetation, replacement or relocation of mature trees, use of native and/or drought tolerant vegetation in new landscaped areas, and ensuring consistency with applicable MSHCP and regulatory agency permitting provisions; and

g) Compensate the affected property owner based on fair market valuation of the acquired ROW in accordance with applicable local, State and federal regulations.

**TRF-4:** The applicant shall pay a fair share toward cumulative impacts not otherwise captured in existing fee programs, funding sources or in lieu improvements noted above, if such a program is in place at the time of building permit issuance, based on project contribution percentages identified in Table 4.13-16.

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**WS-1:** With respect to the City's Banning, Banning Bench, Banning Canyon, and Cabazon groundwater supplies, the City will:

1. Periodically, conduct a groundwater audit that evaluates groundwater level trends, production rates, groundwater quality or other aquifer/well/pump considerations from the previous year (through use of a on-going groundwater monitoring and data collection system).
2. Develop a groundwater model to allow accurate simulation of groundwater flow and groundwater quality (including potential impacts by recharge of recycled water) in the City of Banning groundwater resource area.

Additionally, to avoid injury to other legal users of the Cabazon Basin, the City will:

3. Site any new well so as to not result in material interference to existing wells.

**WS-2:** Additionally, to guard against the potential adverse effects of climate change on the City's water supplies, the City will:

1. Continue to manage its imported and surface water supplies conjunctively with its groundwater supplies to maximize opportunities for groundwater storage.
2. Continue to monitor expert technical analyses of the impacts of climate change on surface and groundwater supplies and incorporate any recommendations into the City's water supply planning efforts.
3. Continue to practice and promote integrated flood management. The City will incorporate climate change findings into infrastructure design and continue to integrate water and land use practices, such as encouraging new developments to capture and treat stormwater onsite. New water infrastructure will be designed to operate under a wide range of conditions and will consider climate change impacts.
4. Continue to diversify its portfolio through increased water use efficiency and aggressive demand reductions achieved by existing and new conservation programs. The development and use of a new recycled water supply will further diversity the City's portfolio and reduce potable water demands.
5. Continue to further develop regional alliances with cities, water districts and water agencies to integrate, improve and develop regional water management.
1.0 Introduction

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a public agency to balance the benefits of a proposed project against its significant unavoidable adverse environmental impacts in determining whether to approve the project.

The Guidelines provide the following directives regarding Lead Agencies approving projects with significant unavoidable adverse impacts:

a) CEQA requires the decision-making agency to balance, as applicable, the economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits, including region-wide or statewide environmental benefits, of a proposed project against its unavoidable environmental risks when determining whether to approve the project. If the specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits, including region-wide or statewide environmental benefits, of a proposal project outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental effects, the adverse environmental effects may be considered “acceptable.”

b) When the lead agency approves a project which will result in the occurrence of significant effects which are identified in the final EIR but are not avoided or substantially lessened, the agency shall state in writing the specific reasons to support its action based on the final EIR and/or other information in the record. The statement of overriding considerations shall be supported by substantial evidence in the record.

c) If an agency makes a statement of overriding considerations, the statement should be included in the record of the project approval and should be mentioned in the notice of determination. This statement does not substitute for, and shall be in addition to, findings required pursuant to Section 15091.

2.0 Significant Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

The Butterfield Specific Plan Project would result in seven (7) significant unavoidable adverse impacts, described in detail in Section 4.0 of the Draft EIR and Section 5.0 of the Finding of Fact (Exhibit ‘A’). These significant unavoidable adverse impacts would remain even with the implementation of the Project Design Features, Conditions of Approval and mitigation measures. These impacts are inherent with the development of the Project and cannot be feasibly mitigated. The City of Banning City Council has adopted all feasible mitigation measures with respect to these impacts. Although in some instances these mitigation measures may substantially lessen these significant impacts, adoption of the measures will not fully avoid the impacts.

While the proposed mitigation measures would reduce the level of many significant impacts to a less than significant level, the Draft EIR identified the following areas where, after the implementation of feasible mitigation measures, the Project may nonetheless result in impacts which cannot be fully mitigated (note that these conclusions, and overall Project impacts, are
similar to those found in the previously certified Deutsch Specific Plan EIR and City of Banning General Plan EIR):

**Project Impacts**

1) **Impact 1 – Project impact due to light and glare:** As identified in Impact 4.1-3, *Light and Glare*, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would create significant and unavoidable impacts resulting from long term build out light and glare. Due to the size of the proposed Project and the current context of rural, undeveloped conditions, the Project’s impact on light and glare is considered significant and unavoidable (although typical of any large-scale residential development, and mitigated to the extent feasible).

2) **Impact 2 – Project impact due to Air Quality Impacts:** As identified in Impact 4.3-1, *Air Quality Standards*, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts with respect to the violation of air quality standards and contributing to an existing or projected air quality violation. Due to the development size and associated mobile source air quality impacts (which are best mitigated through state and/or federal emission standards), impacts in this regard remain significant and unavoidable.

3) **Impact 3 – Project impact due to Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) inconsistency:** As identified in Impact 4.3-3, *Air Quality Management Plan*, of the Draft EIR, the proposed Project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts with respect to conflicting or obstructing implementation of the applicable air quality plan. As the Project would exceed SCAQMD thresholds, the Project would potentially result in a long-term impact on the region’s ability to meet State and Federal air quality Standards. The Project would conflict with the AQMP as it would not meet the first AQMP consistency criterion. However, the proposed Specific Plan is generally consistent with the previously approved Deutsch Specific Plan, and therefore the City of Banning General Plan’s assumptions regarding population and housing growth. On a regional scale, the emissions from the Specific Plan have been considered in the forecasts presented in the 2007 AQMP. The Project would meet the second AQMP consistency criterion.

4) **Impact 4 – Project impact due to Greenhouse Gas Emissions inconsistency:** As identified in Impact 4.5-1, *Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in potentially significant and unavoidable impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to generating greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment. Since GHG emission impacts are global and result from the buildup of GHG emissions over many years, the global cumulative effects could remain potentially significant and unavoidable without regard to the Project’s design features and mitigation measures.

5) **Impact 5 – Project impact due to Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan inconsistency:** As identified in Impact 4.5-2, *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan*, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in potentially significant and unavoidable impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to conflicting with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. While the Project
would not obstruct or conflict with the statewide goals of AB 32 or the regional targets under SB 375, the implementation and effectiveness of state and regional plans is not assured. Moreover, the continuing effects of past human-induced GHG emissions, current emissions and planned future emissions, globally, would likely continue even with effective implementation of the statewide and regional targets and could hinder the statewide plan to reduce the effects GHG emissions on the climate. Accordingly, even with Project design features and mitigation measures for reducing GHG emissions, Project-related incremental GHG emission contributions and cumulative development GHG emissions would remain significant and unavoidable, and could hinder the GHG reduction goals of AB32.

6) Impact 6 – Project impacts due to traffic and circulation: As identified in Impact 4.13-1, Conflict with an Applicable Plan, Ordinance, or Policy, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in potentially significant and unavoidable impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to conflicting with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycled paths, and mass transit. Construction of the recommended improvements, when and where needed, would achieve applicable level-of-service performance at all study area intersections; however, as some improvements could also result in significant impacts to existing land uses (due to Project right-of-way requirements and potential property acquisition), certain improvements may either be made in part, deferred or not implemented due to legal and funding restraints. Further, many of the recommended improvements are located in jurisdictions outside the City of Banning. Most of these improvements have begun to be, can be and should be implemented by those other agencies, but successfully completing the improvements in a timely fashion cannot be guaranteed.

7) Impact 7 – Project impacts due to Congestion Management Program inconsistency: As identified in Impact 4.13-2, Conflict with an Applicable Congestion Management Program, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in potentially significant and unavoidable impacts with mitigation incorporated with regard to conflicting with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways. The Draft EIR identifies mitigation to achieve acceptable levels of service for CMP facilities in Impact 4.13-2, Conflict with an Applicable Congestion Management Program, of the Draft EIR. However, as these improvement locations are outside the control of the City of Banning and the Applicant, timely implementation of the mitigation measures is uncertain, and therefore these issues must be considered a “potentially unavoidable significant impact”.

Cumulative Impacts

8) Impact 8 – Project impacts due to light and glare: The Project will introduce significant sources of light and glare into an existing rural, undeveloped area and result in a significant and unavoidable adverse impact on nighttime views of the Project site in the interim and long-term build-out condition. Mitigation measures can reduce these impacts
but would not reduce them to a level of insignificance due to the nature, size, and scale of the proposed project and its cumulative significance.

9) **Impact 9 – Project impacts due to air quality:** Emissions from development and operation of the proposed Project would exceed the SCAQMD thresholds, resulting in a significant impact. In accordance with SCAQMD methodology, any project that cannot be mitigated to a level of less than significant is also significant on a cumulative basis.

10) **Impact 10 – Project impacts due to climate change:** As noted under number 4 and 5, above, although the Project has incorporated reasonable and feasible mitigation measures the Project’s incremental contribution to global climate change can be considered “significant” on a cumulatively considerable basis. Although implementation of these mitigation measures would reduce the proposed Project’s greenhouse gas emissions, such project-specific mitigation may not be feasibly imposed upon cumulative projects. Further, because GHG emission impacts are global and result from the buildup of GHG emissions over many years, the global cumulative effects could remain potentially significant and unavoidable without regard to the Project’s design features and mitigation measures.

11) **Impact 11 – Project impacts due to noise:** As the project cannot reasonably or feasibly mitigate for cumulative mobile noise impacts (e.g., constructing sound walls along the entire perimeter of the sensitive uses adjacent to the project site; forcing existing residential uses to change their existing windows; etc.), implementation of the proposed Project would result in a significant and unavoidable impact for cumulative mobile noise impacts as both the combined and incremental effects criteria have been exceeded.

12) **Impact 12 – Project impacts due to traffic and circulation:** As stated in Section, 4.13, *Traffic and Circulation*, of the Draft EIR, under the Project impacts related to traffic and circulation, construction of the recommended improvements, when and where needed, would achieve applicable level-of-service performance at all study area intersections; however, as some improvements could also result in significant impacts to existing land uses (due to cumulative right-of-way requirements), certain improvements may either be made in part, deferred or not implemented due to overriding considerations and/or limited funding. Further, many of the recommended improvements are located in jurisdictions outside the City of Banning. Most of these improvements have begun to be, can be and should be implemented by those other agencies, but successfully completing the improvements in a timely fashion cannot be guaranteed.

In order to approve the Butterfield Specific Plan Project, the City of Banning City Council must adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15043 and 15093. The statement allows as lead agency to cite a project’s general economic, legal, social, technological or other benefits as a justification for choosing to allow the occurrence of specified significant environmental effects that have not been avoided. The statement explains why, in the agency’s judgment, the project’s benefits outweigh the unavoidable significant effect.

**3.0 The Public Benefits of the Proposed Project**
CEQA does not require the lead agency to analyze “beneficial impacts” of a proposed project in an EIR. Rather, EIRs are required to focus on potential significant effects on the environment, defined to be “adverse” impacts after the California Supreme Court held that beneficial impacts must also be addressed (see *Wildlife Alive v. Chickering* [1976] Cal. Ed. 190, 206 [132 Cal. Rptr. 377]). Nevertheless, decision-makers benefit from information about project benefits. These benefits can be cited, if necessary, in a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

The City Council declares that, having reduced the adverse significant environmental effects of the Project, to the extent feasible by adopting the proposed mitigation measures, having considered the entire administrative record on the Project and having weighed the benefits of the Project against its unavoidable significant impacts after mitigation, the City Council has determined that the social, economic and environmental benefits of the Project outweigh the potential unavoidable significant impacts and render those potential significant impacts acceptable based upon the following considerations:

- The Project will establish a well-balanced and carefully planned development for residential, commercial/office, school, park, open space, and public facilities uses within the City. Specifically, the residential development would include single-family (539.2 acres) and medium density residential (324.4 acres) components. The single-family residential development will be provided with varying product types and lot sizes. Within the single-family residential development, the Low Density component of the development will have lot sizes ranging from a minimum of 5,000 square feet to an average of 7,500 square feet. For a medium density single-family component, the lot sizes range from 3,400 square feet to a minimum average of 7,200 square feet. For the cluster medium density single-family, the lot sizes range from 2,000 square feet to 2,800 square feet.

  The High Density Residential (73.8 acres) development would provide for attached single-family dwellings with semi-private courtyards and open spaces.

  The two commercial sites are located at key intersections within the project. The 23-acre site is located at Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street. The 13-acre site is located at the southeast corner of “B” Street and Highland Springs Avenue. Both sites would provide for general commercial, retail and office uses that would serve the residents of the project and the surrounding community.

  Park facilities of varying sizes, including pedestrian, and bike lanes are provided within the development to serve the recreation needs of the community. The park sites are easily accessible from the various neighborhoods within the development. The golf course area, or its alternative use as an open space with trails provides a central open space or view window for the development which is an amenity for the project.

  The Butterfield Specific Plan also provides adequate areas for drainage, streets, and infrastructure to serve the development.

  Based on the facts provided in this sub-section, including Section 7.0 of the Butterfield Specific Plan findings of consistency with the General Plan as referenced herein, the proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change would maintain the appropriate balance of land uses within the City and specifically, it will implement the Citywide goal
of “a balanced well-planned community including business which provides a functional pattern of land uses and enhances the quality of life for all Banning residents.”

- The Project will expand the residential housing options within the City and provide needed infrastructure, services and jobs, which would strengthen the local economy; The project will provide a variety of housing options as indicated in the first bullet above and will provide the needed infrastructure including street, water, sewer, storm drain, drainage, waste water treatment plant, water reservoirs to serve the development. Additionally, the project will provide short-term construction jobs, including jobs in other professions such as architects, engineers, interior designer, roofing, furniture, plumbing, and asphalt. The project also will provide permanent jobs when the commercial development is open for business which would strengthen the local economy. Approximately 1,283 permanent jobs are anticipated to be created at build out as a result of the proposed land uses within the development. The Project will increase local job opportunities during the approximate 30-year build out through the construction and operations of the proposed land uses. It is estimated that approximately 500 direct and indirect local jobs could be created during the long term construction of the project

- The Project will fulfill the City’s vision by providing high-quality developments that would attract new residents and provide existing residents with new options for homeownership within the City. The project is a mixed-use master plan community which will be developed in a cohesive manner that will create a sense of place through hierarchy of building architecture and building design and thematic landscaping for the community and the neighborhoods. As stated in the earlier findings, the project provides a variety of housing types with different lot sizes to serve new and existing residents, including home ownership.

- The Project will provide commercial centers to satisfy demand when there is a viable market for them within this portion of the City. The project will provide two commercial centers – one center which is located at the northeast corner of Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street (Planning Area 18) is 23 acres in size and another center which is located on the south side of Street B and Highland Springs Avenue (Planning Area 17) which is 13 acres in size. The commercial centers will provide retail and general commercial needs for the residents who live within the project site and the surrounding community.

- The Project will provide the necessary circulation improvements in the Project area with the addition of new street(s), traveling and turning lanes, signals, and expansion of existing roadways to meet current and future transportation demands. The project involves widening of Highland Springs Avenue, Wilson Street, and Highland Homes Road to accommodate the project traffic. New backbone roadways including Streets “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, North and South Loop Road in addition to various streets in the development will be constructed to provide access for residents. All of the roadway improvements will include curb and gutters, and striping and signing consistent with the requirements of the General Plan, the Butterfield Specific Plan, and the Final

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Environmental Impact Report and its Mitigation Measures for traffic circulation which is made apart of the Conditions of Approval for the project.

- The Project will ensure adequate drainage and reduce the potential for flooding within the Project site and surrounding areas through the construction of County Master Drainage Plan and City General Plan facilities. The project provides improvement to the Smith Creek and Pershing Channel which, in addition to acting as drainage basins through the project, provide detention of flood waters and to act as a water quality basins.

- The Project will provide new water and sewer infrastructure to serve the proposed master planned community as well as the surrounding community;

- The Project will be fiscally neutral with future positive revenues generated upon build out of the development

- The Project will generate development impact fees along with additional property and sales taxes, which will in combination be utilized to fund additional City services and capital improvements. As a condition of development, the developer is required to pay the development impact fees for general city facilities, police and fire facilities, and traffic control facilities. In addition, as part of the development agreement, the developer agreed to provide fully improved park facilities consistent with the facilities that are indicated in the Butterfield Specific Plan. Once the homes are occupied, the City will receive property tax revenue. Sales tax and property tax will also be generated from the commercial sites once they are opened for business.

- The Project will provide various community amenities and recreational opportunities throughout the Project site including the proposed golf course, 24 parks (neighborhood mini parks, neighborhood recreation parks, and community parks), natural and landscaped open space, and the multi-use basin/lake in Planning Area 71. As indicated above the developer will provide fully-improved park facilities within the development. These facilities will be constructed in accordance with the phasing plans for the development to ensure that residents will have park facilities to serve the recreation needs of the neighborhood and the development at build-out.

- The Project will preserve 428 acres of the Project site as open space, which will consist of parks, natural open space, landscaped slope areas, easement areas, drainage areas, and potentially a golf course integrated with the proposed realigned Smith Creek;

- The Project will offer for dedication two approximately 11-acre elementary school sites within the Project area if the Banning and Beaumont Unified School Districts accept these sites;

- The Project will offer a 1.6-acre optional fire station site within the Project site to enhance the provision of future fire protection services and increase response times. Additionally, the Butterfield Specific Plan provides flexibility for the City to have a fire station site in another location in the Specific Plan should a centralized location be needed to serve the project and the surrounding community;
The Project will allow for electric low-speed vehicles (LSVs) on all internal Project area streets, on-street bicycle lanes along all project roadways of modified collector classification or higher, and multi-use trails;

- The Project proposes an onsite groundwater recharge system to assist the City in replenishing the Beaumont Basin; this basin will give the City the option to recharge the groundwater basin with imported water that the City purchases from the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency; and,

- The Project will include green building practices that focus on water conservation, energy conservation, and recycling (energy, water, and waste).

The City Council hereby declares that the foregoing benefits provided to the public through approval and implementation of the Project outweighs the identified significant adverse environmental impacts of the Project that cannot be mitigated. The City Council finds that each of the Project benefits outweighs the unavoidable adverse environmental impacts identified in the Final EIR and, therefore, finds those impacts to be acceptable.

4.0 Findings

As required by CEQA Statutes, Section 21081 (a)(3) and (b), and CEQA Guidelines Section 15903, the City of Banning City Council makes the following findings:

1) The City of Banning City Council has considered the impacts of the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan Project as identified and analyzed in the Final EIR. Although there are mitigation measures, Conditions of Approval, and Project Design Features that assist in mitigation of the significant unavoidable adverse impacts, as discussed in Section 5.0 of the Findings (Exhibit ‘A’), certain impacts cannot be avoided or reduced to below a level of significance. The City Council finds that all feasible changes and alterations, in the form of mitigation measures, Conditions of Approval and Project Design Features, have been incorporated into, or imposed upon, the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan Project.

2) The City of Banning City Council has considered the four (4) Project alternatives to the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan Project, and the additional two (2) alternatives which were rejected from further consideration, as identified and analyzed in the Final EIR. Per the criteria under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6, which provides specific guidance with regard to the discussion of alternatives in an EIR, the City Council considers this a reasonable range of alternatives to the Project. Based upon this examination, the City of Banning City Council has determined that none of the alternatives would reduce the Projects significant and unavoidable effects to a less than significant level, based upon Section 7.0 of the Findings of Fact. Further, none of the alternatives would achieve the City’s goals and objectives to the same extent as the proposed Project.; and

3) Based upon the foregoing, the City of Banning City Council finds that the sixteen (16) areas of Public Benefit related to the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan Project outweigh
the seven (7) areas of significant unavoidable adverse impacts. Therefore, the City of Banning City Council finds the significant unavoidable adverse impacts acceptable.
ATTACHMENT 2

Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-03
And Exhibit A
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BANNING, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 11-2501 AND ZONE CHANGE NO. 11-3501 RELATING TO THE BUTTERFIELD SPECIFIC PLAN AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF

WHEREAS, an application for General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501 and Zone Change 11-3501 have been duly filed on August 20, 2007 for an amendment to the Deutsch Specific Plan to provide zoning regulations for the Butterfield Specific Plan including, amendment to the Development Agreement, and approval of an EIR to allow the development of up to 5,387 dwelling units (937.4 acres of residential), a golf course and open space (253.9 acres), parks (66.5 acres) and other open space (108.4 acres), two school sites (23.0 acres), an existing utilities substation facility (4.2 acres), a fire station site (1.6 acres) and backbone roadways (113.6 acres). The project also includes the construction of major on-site and off-site infrastructure, including but not limited to: various on-site and off-site street improvements to provide access to and from the project site; various on-site and off-site conveyance pipelines for sewer, water, storm drain; a multi-purpose detention basin, and drainage improvements to Pershing Channel and Smith Creek immediately upstream and downstream of the 1,543 acre project site to accommodate the mixed-use master planned community.

Project Applicant: Pardee Homes (Authorized Agent Mike Taylor, Vice President of Pardee Homes, 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1900, Los Angeles, CA 90024)

Property Owners: Pardee Homes owns 1,522 acres within the Butterfield Specific Plan.
Highland Springs Country Club Owners Association owns the 21-acre property that is located at the northwest corner of the Butterfield Specific Plan (APN: 408-060-006, 007 & 008 portion).

Project Location: Northeast Corner of Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street

APN Number: The project includes 34 parcels: 408-060-006, 007 & 008 (por.); 408-030-001 & 005; 408-120-001 through 020, 022, 024, 025, 027 & 033; and 531-080-013 & 014.

Specific Plan Size: 1,543 Acres

WHEREAS, Pardee Homes requests that the text of the General Plan be amended as indicated in Exhibit “A” to: (1) allow the City’s General Plan Land Use and Zoning Overlay Map to show a zoning designation for a property that has an approved Specific Plan to be labeled as Specific Plan without depicting the underlying land use maps; and, (2) replace the existing Zoning for the project site from Deutsch Specific Plan with the Butterfield Specific Plan as
WHEREAS, Pardee Homes has submitted the Butterfield Specific Plan which is a companion application to General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501 and Zone Change No. 11-3501, and a Development Agreement, including an Environmental Impact Report [EIR] (SCH No. 2007091149).

WHEREAS, the Butterfield Specific Plan will supersede the existing Deutsch Specific Plan which is the Zoning regulation for the project.

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the Butterfield Specific Plan and associated entitlement applications to allow the development of up to 5,387 dwelling units (937.4 acres of residential), a golf course and open space (253.9 acres), parks (66.5 acres) and other open space (108.4 acres), two school sites (23.0 acres), and existing utilities substation facility (4.2 acres), a potential fire station site (1.6 acres) and backbone roadways (113.6 acres). The project also includes the construction of major on-site and off-site infrastructure, including, but not limited to: various on-site and off-site street improvements to provide access to and from the project site; various on-site and off-site conveyance pipelines for sewer, water, storm drain; a multi-purpose detention basin, and drainage improvements to Pershing Channel and Smith Creek immediately upstream and downstream of the 1,543-acre project site to accommodate the mixed-use master planned community.

WHEREAS, the approval of General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501 and Zone Change No. 11-3501, including its companion applications for an amendment to the Deutsch Specific Plan to supersede its zoning regulations with Butterfield Specific Plan Zoning regulations as referenced herein, and Development Agreement, is considered a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 21065.

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 15083 of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and prior to completing the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the City held an early consultation regarding the issue areas to be considered in the EIR. The City published the Notice of Preparation (NOP) in the Record Gazette and on the City’s website. The City also mailed the NOP to residents who are located within 300’ of the project site and to members of the public, organizations/groups, public agencies and persons who have requested to be on the mailing lists. Additionally, as part of early consultation, the City held three (3) public scoping meetings. Two (2) scoping meetings were held on October 16, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Another scoping meeting was held on October 22, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHEREAS, an EIR (SCH No. 2007091149) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program were prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the City of Banning Environmental Review Guidelines. Consistent with Section 15086 of CEQA, the City published the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIR and it was made available for a 45-day public review period from June 6, 2011 to July 21, 2011. The NOA was published in the Press Enterprise and the City’s website. The City also mailed the NOA to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to State Agencies. Also, the
City mailed the NOA to the residents who live within 300’ radius of the project boundaries, groups and organizations, and members of the public who requested to be on the mailing list of the project.

WHEREAS, prior to the close of the comment period, the City held a public workshop on June 21, 2011 to provide information and answer questions from interested members of the public regarding the project and the Draft EIR.

WHEREAS, during the public workshop of June 21, 2011, the City received questions and comments mostly on traffic, among other questions about the project. In response to the oral comments on traffic, the City held another workshop on July 14, 2011 to respond to questions from members of the public regarding the traffic analysis report and conclusions.

WHEREAS, prior to the close of the comment period on the DEIR, the City received 31 comment letters from members of the public, public agencies, groups/organizations, and persons who requested to be a part of the mailing list of the project.

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 15088 of CEQA, the City evaluated the responses received from members of the public, public agencies, groups/organizations, and persons who requested to be a part of the mailing list of the project and prepared written responses which is culminated in a Final EIR for the project and as referenced herein. The Final EIR was made available for public review on Friday, February 24, 2012. The Final EIR was made available at City Hall Community Development Counter, the Banning Public Library, and the City’s website.

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2012, the City gave public notice by advertisement in the Record Gazette newspaper of a public hearing concerning the project, which included the Final Environmental Impact Report, General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501, Zone Change 11-3501, Butterfield Specific Plan and Development Agreement. In addition, the City mailed public hearing notices to the owners of properties that are located within a 300’ radius of the project boundaries and to interested persons who requested to be on the mailing lists for the project; and,

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2012, the Planning Commission held the noticed public hearing at which interested persons had an opportunity to testify in support of, or opposition to, the project and at which the Planning Commission considered the General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501 and Zone Change No. 11-3501 in conjunction with amendment to the Deutsch Specific Plan to rescind its zoning regulations and supersede it with the Butterfield Specific Plan zoning regulations; and Development Agreement; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Planning Commission of the City of Banning does hereby resolve, determine, find, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS.

An Environmental Impact Report [EIR] (SCH No. 2007091149) and Mitigation Monitoring and Report Program was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the City of Banning Environmental Review
Guidelines. Whereas, the Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-03 as referenced herein provides environmental findings for the project.

SECTION 2. REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 11-2501 AND ZONE CHANGE NO. 11-3501:

Finding No. 1: The proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change are internally consistent with the General Plan.

Findings of Fact: The current General Plan Land Use and Zoning Overlay Map shows the project site as Deutsch Specific Plan, including depictions of its underlying land uses. The developer proposes a new Specific Plan called “Butterfield Specific Plan”, which would amend the existing land use and zoning regulations for future development of the property that would include the development of up to 5,387 dwelling units (937.4 acres of residential), a golf course and open space (253.9 acres), parks (66.5 acres) and other open space (108.4 acres), two school sites (23.0 acres), and existing utilities substation facility (4.2 acres), a potential fire station site (1.6 acres) and backbone roadways (113.6 acres). The project also includes the construction of major on-site and off-site infrastructure, including, but not limited to: various on-site and off-site street improvements to provide access to and from the project site; various on-site and off-site conveyance pipelines for sewer, water, storm drain; a multi-purpose detention basin, and drainage improvements to Pershing Channel and Smith Creek immediately upstream and downstream of the 1,543-acre project site to accommodate the mixed-use master planned community. The proposed Butterfield Specific Plan is partially consistent with the General as it is a “Specific Plan.”

To make the Butterfield Specific Plan consistent with the General Plan, the Applicant is requesting that the text of the General Plan be amended as indicated in Exhibit “A” to: (1) allow the City’s General Plan Land Use and Zoning Overlay Map to depict any approved Specific Plans, including Butterfield Specific Plan with text only and not depicting the underlying land use maps; and, (2) replace the existing Zoning for the project site from Deutsch Specific Plan to the Butterfield Specific Plan (dated November 21, 2011) as referenced herein.

The City of Banning has reviewed the proposed General Plan Amendment (No. 11-2501) and Zone Change (No. 11-3501), including detailed regulations contained within the Butterfield Specific Plan for internal consistency within all of the General Plan elements’ text, diagrams, and maps and have concluded that the proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change will not create any conflicts among the various General Plan elements goals, policies, and objectives, including the maps and diagrams.
of all the elements in the General Plan. Section 7.0 of the Butterfield Specific Plan dated November 21, 2011 and as referenced herein describes the Butterfield Specific Plan and the projects consistency with the goals and policies set forth in the City of Banning General Plan.

Finding No. 2: The proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the community.

Finding of Facts: The proposed General Plan Amendment (No. 11-2501) and Zone Change (No. 11-3501) when approved will designate the General Plan and Zoning Overlay Map for the project site with the Butterfield Specific Plan as referenced herein. The Butterfield Specific Plan has been prepared in accordance with Chapter 17.96 of the Banning Zoning Code and Government Code Sections 65451 and 65452 in that the Butterfield Specific Plan provides details zoning regulations with regard to future development of the project site to be consistent with the vision, goals, and objectives for the aesthetics, design, and infrastructure needs for a master-planned community.

Based on staff’s analysis of the State law and facts provided in the staff report and the Butterfield Specific Plan as referenced herein, the Specific Plan has been prepared in compliance with the State law. Specifically, the Butterfield Specific Plan provides for the following to address compliance with State law and the Banning Zoning Code:

(1) Section 1.0, pages 1-1 to 1-17 includes maps and diagrams for the distribution, location, and extent of the uses of land, including open space. In addition, the text accompanies the maps and diagrams providing detail information as to the specific plan land uses, their location, and intensity/density of the uses. Sections 3.0 through 3.1.2, pages 3-1 through 3-16 of the Specific Plan provide detailed development plans for each of the land uses. Detail information of the distribution, location, and extent of the parks and open space development is provided in Section 3.6 through 3.6.6, pages 3-85 through 3-98.

(2) Section 3.2 through 3.5.5, pages 3-17 through 3-84 provide detail information via text and diagrams/maps showing distribution location, and extent and intensity of major components of public and private transportation, sewage, water, drainage, solid waste disposal, energy, and other essential facilities proposed to be located within the area covered by the plan and needed to support the land uses described in the plan. Other public services and essential facilities for the project including schools, fire and police protection, library, cable, gas, and
health services are provided in Section 3.7.1 on pages 3-97 through 3-99.

(3) Standards and criteria by which the development will proceed, and standards for the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources where applicable are provided in the following sections:

a. Section 3.7.2, pages 3-99 through 3-105 provide phasing for each development
b. Sections 4.1 through 4.13.9, pages 4-1 through 4-139 provide detail development design guidelines for the community, neighborhood, and individual buildings and how they are to be developed.
c. Sections 5.0 through 5.8.1, pages 5-1 through 5-38 provide specific details development regulations for each of the land use districts and how they are to be developed.

(4) Section 6.0 through 6.2.2, pages 6-1 through 6-4 provide details information on the administration and implementation of the Butterfield Specific Plan that includes regulations, programs, public works projects, and financing measures necessary to carry out items (1), (2), and (3). The financing measures include Community Facility District(s) which is described in detail in Section 3.7.3 on page 3-105.

In addition to the Specific Plan regulations described above, the City Engineer and the Banning Fire Department also reviewed the access to and from the project site connecting to the surrounding communities, including emergency access to within each of neighborhoods for emergency vehicles. It is determined that regular access and emergency access have been deemed adequately provided. A site for a fire station, a community center, and two elementary schools for the Banning and Beaumont Unified School Districts are also provided within the Specific Plan. The developer also will provide other public utilities such as electric, cable, telephone lines, and gas lines, including transit stops to serve the needs of the Butterfield community.

In compliance with SB 610 (Water Code Section 10910 et seq.), a water supply assessment (WSA) was prepared for the Butterfield Specific Plan. The WSA, which is incorporated herein by reference, indicated that at the build out of the project in 2045, the potable water for the project is 2,880 acre feet per year (AFY) without conservation and 1,725 AFY with conservation measures. The Butterfield Specific Plan will be build out over time. The City also updated its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP); the 2010 UWMP was adopted by the City Council on June 28, 2011. The UWMP provides an analysis for a 20-year time frame, as required by State law. Due to the time frame for the build out of the project, the WSA for the Butterfield Specific Plan analyzed a 35-year time...
frame. The UWMP concludes that the City is anticipated to have a surplus of water to meet its customers’ demands. The UWMP accounts for the projected demands of the Butterfield Specific Plan. The WSA concludes that the City’s total projected water supplies available during normal, single dry, and multiple dry water years during a 35-year projection will meet the projected water demand associated with the project, in addition to the City’s existing and planned future uses.

In compliance with CEQA Guidelines (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), the City has prepared a Final EIR for the project which identified and assessed all of the environmental impacts associated with the project, identified mitigation measures for the project that reduce the project impacts, disclose impacts that are significant that cannot be mitigated to less than significant. The City has prepared a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program which is hereby incorporated by reference. The City also prepared a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the significant and unavoidable Project-related impacts associated with aesthetics, light and glare, air quality, and traffic and circulation and the cumulative impacts associated with aesthetics, light and glare, air quality, climate change, noise, and traffic and circulation. (Refer to Environmental Impact Report Resolution 2012-02).

Based upon the Statement of Overriding Considerations, the City finds that seventeen (17) areas of public benefits related to the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan Project outweigh the seven (7) areas of significant unavoidable adverse impacts. Accordingly, the significant unavoidable adverse impacts are considered acceptable.

The above finding of facts provided in this subsection concludes that the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the community as the project has been prepared in compliance with the City of Banning Zoning Code Chapter 17.96, Government Code Sections 65451 and 65452, and the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.)

**Finding No. 3:** The proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change would maintain the appropriate balance of land uses within the City.

**Findings of Fact:** The proposed amendment would maintain the appropriate balance of land uses within the City in that the Butterfield Specific Plan provides a mix of land uses that include residential, commercial, open space, parks, trails, school sites, fire station site, golf course, and infrastructure to serve the needs of the community.

Specifically, the residential development would include single-family (539.2 acres) and medium density residential (324.4 acres) components.
The single-family residential development will be provided with varying product types and lot sizes. Within the single-family residential development, the Low Density component of the development will have lot sizes ranging from a minimum of 5,000 square feet to an average of approximately 7,500 square feet. For a medium density single-family component, the lot sizes range from a minimum 3,400 square feet for conventional single-family detached homes. For the cluster medium density single-family, the lot sizes range from 2,000 square feet to 2,800 square feet.

The High Density Residential (73.8 acres) development would provide for attached single-family dwellings with semi-private courtyards and open spaces.

The two commercial sites are located at key intersections within the project. The 23-acre site is located at Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street. The 13-acre site is located at the southeast corner of “B” Street and Highland Springs Avenue. Both sites would provide for general commercial, retail and office uses that would serve the residents of the project and the surrounding community.

Park facilities of varying sizes, including pedestrian, and bike lanes are provided within the development to serve the recreation needs of the community. The park sites are easily accessible from the various neighborhoods within the development. The golf course area, or its alternative use as an open space with trails, provides a central open space or view window for the development, which is an amenity for the project.

The Butterfield Specific Plan also provides adequate areas for drainage, streets, and infrastructure to serve the development.

Based on the facts provided in this sub-section, including Section 7.0 of the Butterfield Specific Plan findings of consistency with the General Plan as referenced herein, the proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change would maintain the appropriate balance of land uses within the City and specifically, it will implement the Citywide goal of “a balanced well-planned community including business which provides a functional pattern of land uses and enhances the quality of life for all Banning residents.”

Finding No. 4: With regard to the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change to the General Plan Land Use, the subject property is physically suitable for the requested land use designation(s) and the anticipated land use development(s).
Finding of Fact: The project site is 1,543 acres and the majority of the site is located on flat land. The project site has been analyzed for constraints and opportunities for development including compatibility of the various densities and intensity of land uses surrounding the development, flood zone, earthquake fault, proximity to natural open space, availability of water and utilities to serve the development.

The proposed Project would continue a pattern of development that is already in place to the south, southeast, west and northwest of the site, providing desirable linkages between existing developments, extending and improving the City’s circulation system, and providing additional parks, schools, and other public facilities that would serve both proposed and existing land uses in the area. The Butterfield Specific Plan is proposing to substantially increase the open space to 428.8 acres, compared to the previously designated 268 acres of open space in the previously approved Deutsch Specific Plan. The Project would not physically divide an established community since the Project site is currently vacant and undeveloped.

As part of the community input and public review process for the preparation of the Specific Plan and at the request of the residents who live on Mockingbird Lane, the developer modified the lot sizes for the area that is located on the east side of the Highland Home Road and north of the “F” Street. Planning Area 50 of the Butterfield Specific (refer to Exhibit 3.1, Land Use Plan, in the Specific Plan) which is the area to the north of the Mockingbird Lane has been designated as Low Density Residential, with a minimum average lot size of 7,500 sq. ft. Furthermore, starting at the back of lots along the existing lots on the north side of Mockingbird Lane, there would be approximately 390 ft. of open space between the rear property lines of lots located on Mockingbird Lane and the southern boundary of Planning Area 50.

Access to and from the project has been evaluated consistent with the General Plan policies and the County Master Plan of Roadways. Internal circulation systems have been reviewed to provide automobile, low speed electric vehicles, pedestrian, and bikeway connections within the project site. Additionally, each of the neighborhoods have been reviewed and provided two points of access for public safety vehicles during an emergency. Necessary utilities that include water, sewer, gas, electricity, cable, and telephone that will serve the development will be provided through the implementation of the Specific Plan.

The project site is 1,543 acres and is adequate and suitable to develop with the proposed land uses which are described in detailed in the Butterfield Specific Plan as incorporated herein by reference. The land use plan for the project takes into consideration the physical constraints and
opportunities of the site including surrounding land uses, topography, geology, seismic hazards, soils, groundwater, drainage and flood control channels – Smith Creek and Pershing Channel, paleontology and archeology, biology, circulation and access, and utilities as described in detailed in Sections 2.1 through 2.7.2 of the Specific Plan.

The location of the various land uses has been distributed and placed to provide compatibility within the neighborhoods in the project and the surrounding area, including the neighborhood on the north side of the Mockingbird Lane as this neighborhood provided input as to compatibility of the previous lot sizes which were smaller compared to lot sizes in their neighborhood. Specifically, to improve compatibility with the existing residential development on the north side of Mockingbird Lane, the Project has designated Planning Area 50 (refer to Exhibit 3.1, Land Use Plan, in the Specific Plan) as Low Density Residential, with a minimum average lot size of 7,500 sq. ft. Furthermore, starting at the back of lots along the existing lots on the north side of Mockingbird Lane, there would be approximately 390 ft. of open space between the rear property lines of lots located on Mockingbird Lane and the southern boundary of Planning Area 50.

Each of the neighborhoods within the project area have been reviewed and provided two points of access for public safety in case of emergency and also connection to the surrounding community. Necessary utilities that include water, sewer, gas, electricity, cable, telephone, and transit that will serve the development will be provided through the implementation of the Specific Plan.

In compliance with SB 610 (Water Code Section 10910 et seq.), a Water Supply Assessment was prepared for the project, which is consistent with the City’s Urban Water Management Plan, and which is incorporated herein by reference. The WSA concluded that the City’s total projected water supplies available during normal, single dry, and multiple dry water years during a 35-year projection will meet the projected water demand associated with the project, in addition to the City’s existing and planned future uses.

Based on the facts indicated in this subsection and subsections above, the project site is suitable for requested land use designation(s) and the anticipated land use development(s).
SECTION 3. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION.

The Planning Commission hereby takes the following action:

Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-03 recommending approval to the City Council of General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501 and Zone Change No. 11-3501, based on the findings of facts indicated in this resolution and the administrative record.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2012.

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Harold Barsh, Vice-Chairman
Banning Planning Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL CONTENT:

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Lona N. Laymon
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
Assistant City Attorney
City of Banning, California

ATTEST:

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Virginia Sorenson, Recording Secretary
City of Banning, California
CERTIFICATION:

I, Virginia Sorenson, Recording Secretary of the Planning Commission of the City of Banning, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, No. 2012-03, was duly adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Banning, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of March 2012, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Virginia Sorenson, Recording Secretary
City of Banning, California
Specific Plans

“The Specific Plan is an important tool in the coordinated development of larger parcels, or of projects which propose a variety of land uses. They shall include design standards and guidelines, infrastructure plans and implementation measures to ensure the coordinated, orderly development of a project. Government Code provides the standards and guidelines for the content of Specific Plans. Specific Plans can also be combined with environmental documentation, and result in a Specific Plan/Environmental Impact Report.

In Banning, Specific Plans have previously been considered a land use designation. With adoption of this General Plan, this is no longer the case. Existing approved Specific Plans are shown on the land use map with their approved land use plan, and the Specific Plan overlay. The General Plan Land Use Map may show adopted Specific Plan Areas as an overlay, including with their underlying approved land use plan, or it may be shown with just the Specific Plan Areas overlay designation. The Specific Plan Areas designation on the General Plan Land Use Map shall act as a reference to the approved specific plans, including their associated land use plans, which shall be the governing land use. Specific Plan land use plans shall use land use designations that are consistent with the standard Land Use Designations used in the General Plan when feasible.

With adoption of this General Plan, Specific Plans are required for projects which propose more than one type of residential land use, commercial land uses and/or industrial land uses, or a combination of these, within one project site. Specific Plans are also required when a project is proposed within an area previously undeveloped, where infrastructure master planning will be required (water, sewer, flood control or roadways), and when the project will be phased. Once a new Specific Plan is approved by the City Council, the Land Use Map will be amended to place the Specific Plan overlay on that area.”; and,
ATTACHMENT 3

Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-04
And Conditions of Approval (Exhibit A)
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BANNING, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING THE DEUTSCH SPECIFIC PLAN WHICH IS SUPERSEDED WITH THE BUTTERFIELD SPECIFIC PLAN AND SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF

WHEREAS, the City of Banning received an application on August 20, 2007 for an amendment to the Deutsch Specific Plan to provide zoning regulations for the Butterfield Specific Plan including a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, amendment to the Development Agreement, and approval of an EIR to allow the development of up to 5,387 dwelling units (937.4 acres of residential), a golf course and open space (253.9 acres), parks (66.5 acres) and other open space (108.4 acres), two school sites (23.0 acres), and existing utilities substation facility (4.2 acres), a fire station site (1.6 acres) and backbone roadways (113.6 acres). The project also includes the construction of major on-site and off-site infrastructure, including, but not limited to: various on-site and off-site street improvements to provide access to and from the project site; various on-site and off-site conveyance pipelines for sewer, water, storm drain; a multi-purpose detention basin, and drainage improvements to Pershing Channel and Smith Creek immediately upstream and downstream of the 1,543-acre project site to accommodate the mixed-use master planned community.

Project Applicant: Pardee Homes (Authorized Agent Mike Taylor, Vice President of Pardee Homes, 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1900, Los Angeles, CA 90024)

Property Owners: Pardee Homes owns 1,522 acres within the Butterfield Specific Plan. Highland Springs Country Club Owners Association owns the 21-acre property that is located at the northwest corner of the Butterfield Specific Plan (APN: 408-060-006, 007 & 008 portion).

Project Location: Northeast Corner of Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street

APN Number: The project includes 34 parcels: 408-060-006, 007 & 008 (por.); 408-030-001 & 005; 408-120-001 through 020, 022, 024, 025, 027 & 033; and 531-080-013 & 014.

Specific Plan Size: 1,543 Acres

WHEREAS, Pardee Homes requests an amendment to the Deutsch Specific Plan and superseding it with the zoning regulations for the Butterfield Specific Plan so that future development within the project site conforms to the Butterfield Specific Plan.
WHEREAS, the Butterfield Specific Plan including its companion entitlement applications for General Plan, Zone Change, and Development Agreement amendment are considered a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 21065.

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 65450 through 65454 establish the authority for the adoption a Specific Plan, identify the required contents of the Specific Plan and mandate consistency with the General Plan.

WHEREAS, Chapters 17.44 and 17.96 of the Banning Zoning Code specifies the purpose, the content of the Specific Plan, procedures for the preparation and adoption of the Specific Plan, and findings.

WHEREAS, the City of Banning development team has reviewed the Butterfield Specific Plan and associated entitlement and determined that the Specific Plan meets the requirements of Government Code Sections 65450 and 65454 and Chapters 17.44 and 17.96 of the Banning Zoning Code.

WHEREAS, the approval of an amendment to the Deutsch Specific Plan to rescind its zoning regulations with Butterfield Specific Plan Zoning regulations as referenced herein, including its companion applications for General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501 and Zone Change No. 11-3501 and Development Agreement amendment, is considered a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 21065.

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 15083 of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and prior to completing the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the City held an early consultation regarding the issue areas to be considered in the EIR. The City published the Notice of Preparation (NOP) in the Record Gazette and on the City’s website. The City also mailed the NOP to residents who are located within 300’ of the project site and to members of the public, organizations/groups, public agencies and persons who have requested to be on the mailing lists. Additionally, as part of early consultation, the City held three (3) public scoping meetings. Two (2) scoping meetings were held on October 16, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Another scoping meeting was held on October 22, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHEREAS, an EIR (SCH No. 2007091149) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program were prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the City of Banning Environmental Review Guidelines. Consistent with Section 15086 of CEQA, the City published the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIR and it was made available for a 45-day public review period from June 6, 2011 to July 21, 2011. The NOA was published in the Press Enterprise and the City’s website. The City also mailed the NOA to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to State Agencies. Also, the City mailed the NOA to the residents, who live within 300’ radius of the project boundaries, groups and organizations, and members of the public who requested to be on the mailing list of the project.
WHEREAS, prior to the close of the comment period, the City held a public workshop on June 21, 2011 to provide information and answer questions from interested members of the public regarding the project and the Draft EIR.

WHEREAS, during the public workshop of June 21, 2011, the City received questions and comments mostly on traffic, among other questions about the project. In response to the oral comments on traffic, the City held another workshop on July 14, 2011 to respond to questions from members of the public regarding the traffic analysis report and conclusions.

WHEREAS, prior to the close of the comment period on the Draft EIR, the City received 31 comment letters from members of the public, public agencies, groups/organizations, and persons who requested to be a part of the mailing list of the project.

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 15088 of CEQA, the City evaluated the responses received from members of the public, public agencies, groups/organizations, and persons who requested to be a part of the mailing list of the project and prepared written responses which is culminated in a Final EIR for the project and as referenced herein. The Final EIR was made available for public review on Friday, February 24, 2012. The Final EIR was made available at City Hall Community Development Counter, the Banning Public Library, and the City’s website.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has the authority per Chapters 17.44 and 17.96 of the Banning Zoning Code to review and make recommendations to the City Council of an amendment to the zoning regulations for the Deutsch Specific Plan and replace with the zoning regulations for Butterfield Specific Plan; and,

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2012, the Planning Commission held the duly noticed public hearing at which interested persons had an opportunity to testify in support of, or opposition to, the project and at which the Planning Commission considered the project; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Planning Commission of the City of Banning does hereby resolve, determine, find, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS.

Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-02 as referenced herein provides environmental findings for the project.

SECTION 2. REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING REGULATIONS FOR THE DEUTSCH SPECIFIC PLAN AND REPLACE IT WITH THE BUTTERFIELD SPECIFIC PLAN

Finding No. 1: The proposed Specific Plan is consistent with the General Plan.

Findings of Fact: The proposed Specific Plan is partially inconsistent with the General Plan. The current General Plan Land Use and Zoning designations for the project site is Deutsch Specific Plan. The proposed General Plan
Amendment No. 11-2501 and Zone Change No. 11-3501 will change the land use designations and zoning of the project site from Deutsch Specific Plan to Butterfield Specific Plan which will make the Butterfield Specific Plan consistent with the General Plan Land Use and Zoning. With approval of the General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501 and Zone Change No. 11-3501, the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan would be consistent with the intent of the General Plan through designation of the site as Specific Plan. Consistency of the Butterfield Specific Plan pertaining to the proposed project is assessed in Section 7.0 of the superseded Butterfield Specific Plan dated November 21, 2011 and is attached herein.

**Finding No. 2:**
The proposed Specific Plan would not be detrimental to the environment, or to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.

**Finding of Facts:**
In compliance with State law (Government Code Sections 65450 et. seq.) the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan includes the following information:
(1) the distribution, location, and extent of land uses, including residential, commercial, open space and trails, golf course, a site for fire station, a public community center, and sites for two elementary schools; (2) the distribution, location and extent and intensity of major components of public and private transportation, water, sewer, drainage, solid waste disposal, energy, and other essential facilities within the project area required to support the land uses described in the Specific Plan; (3) standards and criteria for which the development will proceed; (4) a program for implementation including regulations, programs, public works projects and financing measures necessary to carry out the project; and (5) a Statement of Relations of the Specific Plan to the adopted General Plan. Additionally, the Specific Plan has been reviewed to ensure that there are adequate two-points of access within each of the neighborhoods/planning areas of the Plan to provide access for public safety emergency vehicles during an emergency.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 20165, an environmental impact report (EIR) [State Clearinghouse No. 2007091149] was prepared for the project. The EIR identified potentially significant effects on the environment and on the public interest, health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the City and identified mitigation measures that shall be incorporated into the Project to reduce impacts. In certain instances incorporation of mitigation measures were unable to reduce impacts to less than significant. Section 15091 allows the City to approve a project that has significant impacts on the environment and that which the impacts cannot be mitigated when there are economic, social, or other considerations that make it infeasible to mitigate the significant effects of the projects. Findings for approval must be provided consistent with Section 15093 of the CEQA Guidelines in that the City Council will
need to adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the significant and unavoidable Project-related impacts

The City has prepared a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the significant and unavoidable Project-related impacts associated with aesthetics, light and glare, air quality, and traffic and circulation and the cumulative impacts associated with aesthetics, light and glare, air quality, climate change, noise, and traffic and circulation. (Refer to Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-02).

Based upon the Statement of Overriding Considerations, seventeen (17) areas of Public Benefit related to the proposed Butterfield Specific Plan Project outweigh the seven (7) areas of significant unavoidable adverse impacts. The significant unavoidable adverse impacts are considered acceptable.

Finding No. 3: The subject property is physically suitable for the requested land use designation(s) and the anticipated development(s).

Findings of Fact: The project site is 1,543 acres and the majority of the site is located on flat land. The project site has been analyzed for constraints and opportunities for development including compatibility of the various densities and intensity of land uses surrounding the development, flood zone, earthquake fault, proximity to natural open space, availability of water and utilities to serve the development.

The proposed Project would continue a pattern of development that is already in place to the south, southeast, west and northwest of the site, providing desirable linkages between existing developments, extending and improving the City’s circulation system, and providing additional parks, schools, and other public facilities that would serve both proposed and existing land uses in the area. The Butterfield Specific Plan is proposing to substantially increase the open space to 428.8 acres, compared to the previously designated 268 acres of open space in the previously approved Deutsch Specific Plan. The Project would not physically divide an established community since the Project site is currently vacant and undeveloped.

As part of the community input and public review process for the preparation of the Specific Plan and at the request of the residents who live on Mockingbird Lane, the developer modified the lot sizes for the area that is located on the east side of the Highland Home Road and north of the “F” Street. Planning Area 50 of the Butterfield Specific Plan (refer to Exhibit 3.1, Land Use Plan, in the Specific Plan) which is the area to the north of the Mockingbird Lane has been designated as Low Density Residential, with an minimum average lot size of 7,500 sq. ft.
Furthermore, starting at the back of lots along the existing lots on the north side of Mockingbird Lane, there would be approximately 390 ft. of open space between the rear property lines of lots located on Mockingbird Lane and the southern boundary of Planning Area 50.

Access to and from the project has been evaluated consistent with the General Plan policies and the County Master Plan of Roadways. Internal circulation systems have been reviewed to provide automobile, low speed electric vehicles, pedestrian, and bikeway connections within the project site. Additionally, each of the neighborhoods have been reviewed and provided two points of access for public safety vehicles during an emergency. Necessary utilities that include water, sewer, gas, electricity, cable, and telephone that will serve the development will be provided through the implementation of the Specific Plan.

**Finding No. 4:** The proposed Specific Plan shall ensure development of desirable character which will be compatible with existing and proposed development in the surrounding neighborhood.

**Finding of Fact:** The project site is 1,543 acres and the majority of the site is located on flat land. The project site has been analyzed for constraints and opportunities for development including compatibility of the various densities and intensity of land uses surrounding the development, flood zone, earthquake fault, proximity to natural open space, availability of water and utilities to serve the development.

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Furthermore, starting at the back of lots along the existing lots on the north side of Mockingbird Lane, there would be approximately 390 ft. of open space between the rear property lines of lots located on Mockingbird Lane and the southern boundary of Planning Area 50.

Access to and from the project has been evaluated consistent with the General Plan policies and the County Master Plan of Roadways. Internal circulation systems have been reviewed to provide automobile, low speed electric vehicles, pedestrian, and bikeway connections within the project site. Additionally, each of the neighborhoods have been reviewed and provided two points of access for public safety vehicles during an emergency. Necessary utilities that include water, sewer, gas, electricity, cable, and telephone that will serve the development will be provided through the implementation of the Specific Plan.

The project site is 1,543 acres and is adequate and suitable to develop with the proposed land uses which are described in detailed in the Butterfield Specific Plan as incorporated herein by reference. The land use plan for the project takes into consideration the physical constraints and opportunities of the site including surrounding land uses, topography, geology, seismic hazards, soils, groundwater, drainage and flood control channels – Smith Creek and Pershing Channel, paleontology and archeology, biology, circulation and access, and utilities as described in Sections 2.1 through 2.7.2 of the Specific Plan.

The location of the various land uses has been distributed and placed to provide compatibility within the neighborhoods in the project and the surrounding area, including the neighborhood on the north side of the Mockingbird Lane as this neighborhood provided input as to compatibility of the previous lot sizes which were smaller compared to lot sizes in their neighborhood. Specifically, to improve compatibility with the existing residential development on the north side of Mockingbird Lane, the Project has designated Planning Area 50 (refer to Exhibit 3.1, Land Use Plan, in the Specific Plan) as Low Density Residential, with an minimum average lot size of 7,500 sq. ft. Furthermore, starting at the back of lots on the north side of Mockingbird Lane, there would be approximately 390 ft. of open space between the rear property lines of lots located on Mockingbird Lane and the southern boundary of Planning Area 50.

Each of the neighborhoods within the project area have been reviewed and provided two points of access for public safety in case of emergency and also connection to the surrounding community. Necessary utilities that include water, sewer, gas, electricity, cable, telephone, and transit that will serve the development will be provided through the implementation of the Specific Plan.
In compliance with SB 610 (Water Code Section 10910 et seq.), a Water Supply Assessment was prepared for the project, which is consistent with the City’s Urban Water Management Plan, and which is incorporated herein by reference. The Water Supply Assessment concluded that the City’s total projected water supplies are adequate to meet the projected water demand associated with the project, in addition to the City’s existing and planned future uses.

Based on the facts indicated in this subsection and subsections above and the administrative record, the project site is suitable for requested land use designation(s) and the anticipated land use development(s).

SECTION 3. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION.

The Planning Commission hereby takes the following action:

The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council:

Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-04 recommending approval to the City Council for the adoption of a Specific Plan Amendment rescinding the Deutsch Specific Plan and superseding it with the Butterfield Specific Plan and subject to the conditions of approval attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and making findings in support thereof.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2012.

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Harold Barsh, Vice-Chairman
Banning Planning Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL CONTENT:

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Lona N. Laymon
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
Assistant City Attorney
City of Banning, California

ATTEST:

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Virginia Sorenson, Recording Secretary
City of Banning, California
CERTIFICATION:

I, Virginia Sorenson, Recording Secretary of the Planning Commission of the City of Banning, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, No. 2012-04, was duly adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Banning, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of March 2012, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Virginia Sorenson, Recording Secretary
City of Banning, California
Butterfield Specific Plan
Draft Conditions of Approval

I. GENERAL/ONGOING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1. Approved General Plan Amendment and Zone Change. The General Plan Amendment and Zone Change are approved as shown in Exhibit “A” to Resolution No. 2012-03. A Development Agreement (the "Development Agreement") was approved concurrent with the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change. Capitalized terms used herein bear the same meaning as defined in the Development Agreement.

2. Approved Butterfield Specific Plan - This approval includes development of up to 5,387 new residential units on approximately 937.2 acres, a minimum of 36 and up to 88 acres of commercial/office, 253.9 acres of golf course or open space, 66.5 acres of park, 70.1 acres of natural/landscape/easement, 38.3 acres of drainage and open space areas, potentially two or more elementary school sites, as determined needed by the school districts, a 4.2 acre utility substation site, and approximately 113.6 acres of backbone roads as shown in the table below ("Project").

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<th>Land Use</th>
<th>Gross Acres</th>
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<th>Dwelling Units</th>
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¹ Alternate Residential use of School sites at up to 10 DU/AC is provided.
² Alternate Residential use or mixed use of the Commercial sites is provided for with PA 17 at up to 4.5 DU/AC (LDR) and
PA 18 at up to 10 DU/AC (MDR). The overall DU total for the Specific Plan shall not exceed 5,387 DU. In addition, Commercial use is allowed as an alternate use for all or a portion of Residential PAs 3, 4 and 5 (51.4 acres combined), and Park PAs 26 and 27 (0.9 acres combined).

Exhibit “A” (to Reso 2012-04)

The Specific Plan allows for cluster development and Active Adult residential within certain Planning Areas, as described in detail within the Specific Plan (Section 3.1.1.1, Residential).

2a. **The Phasing Plan.** The phasing and timing requirements for the construction of all public improvements shall be in accordance with the Master Phasing Plan and the developed pursuant to the Development Agreement. Although the overall timing of Project development remains subject to the Developer’s discretion based on market conditions, there is a logical sequence to the development and certain improvements are required to be complete before phases of the Project can be considered complete and ready for occupancy. The Master Phasing Plan will contain the following elements:

a. **Project Phases.** The Developer must achieve certain goals and objectives in terms of Project development. The development of the Project will be reviewed at each Ten Year Anniversary Review. The Development Goals are as follows:

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| Phase I (10
th Anniversary) | - Development will begin near the corner of Highland Springs and Wilson unless otherwise agreed.  
- 1,200 Residential Units to be constructed.  
- Commercial retail development of a minimum 23-acre retail-commercial site at the corner of Highland Springs and Wilson (Planning Area 18).  
- Outlet for Smith Creek and other commercial, recreation and/or emergency center improvements. |
| Phase II (20
th Anniversary) | - 1,600 residential units to be constructed. |
| Phase III (30
th Anniversary) | - 1,400 residential units to be constructed. |
| Phase IV (40
th Anniversary) | - 1,187 residential units to be constructed. |

Within each Phase, as defined above, more detailed phasing plans for each subdivision shall be developed in accordance with Section 6.5 of the Development Agreement, and are subject to the City’s review and approval as conditions of approval of the Tract or Subdivision Map and, as approved, shall become a part of the Existing Approvals.

b. **Development of Phasing Plans During Subdivision Map Approvals.** The phasing and timing requirements for the construction of all development including public improvements shall generally be in accordance with the Development Approvals and applicable provisions of the Development Agreement (For example, Sections 6.2, 6.4, 6.5, 7.3, 8.0, etc.) and be developed over time in accordance with the following process:

i. **Master Phase Tract Map.** Each Phase shall have a Master Tract Map which shall be submitted for financing and conveyance purposes only and no improvements may be constructed nor shall development be permitted pursuant to such approved Tract Map except through submission and approval of tentative and final Subdivision Maps. Concurrently with processing of the Master Tract Map, all tentative Subdivision Maps for the Tract shall be submitted and processed.

ii. **Subdivision Maps.** Each Master Tract Map shall designate future subdivisions within
the Tract and the order of subdivision development to the extent that the need for
development of public infrastructure dictates the logical progression of subdivision
development. Each Subdivision Map shall show all infrastructure necessary for the
development of the Subdivision. Each subdivision will have a written Phasing Plan
approved by the Director and the City Engineer prior to commencement
development of the subdivision specifying when the lots within the subdivision will be
developed and when all public infrastructure within the subdivision will be constructed.
Generally all streets, lighting, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, parkway landscaping,
asphalt concrete paving, traffic signs and stripping, medians, landscaping, drainage
facilities, storm drains, water lines, sewer lines, utility lines, trails and other facilities
within the subdivision must be completed before release of any occupancy permits
within the subdivision. All conditions which require the provision of Backbone
Infrastructure and Subdivision Improvements for the area covered by each tentative
Subdivision Map must be satisfied, either through performance or through the
provision of suitable security, prior to the approval and recordation of the Subdivision
Map.

iii. **Backbone Infrastructure.** Attached as Exhibit “A” is a list of Backbone Infrastructure,
including roadways, detention basins, water lines, sewer lines, recycle water lines,
utilities, storm drains and drainage facilities, treatment plants, power substations,
community parks, community centers, fire stations, and other infrastructure serving
area-wide populations. Backbone Infrastructure serves multiple subdivisions, and may
need to be constructed in the initial phase of a particular Tract, or even before certain
Tracts can be developed. The detailed phasing of construction will be provided
through the Master Tract and Subdivision Phasing Plans. Exhibit A outlines the
Backbone Infrastructure and when in the development of various Tracts it must be
constructed.

3. **Precedence of Conditions.** If any of the Conditions of Approval alter a commitment made by
the Developer in the Butterfield Specific Plan text or map exhibits, the conditions enumerated
herein shall take precedence unless superseded by the Development Agreement, which shall
govern over any conflicting provisions of any other approval.

4. **Compliance with City Codes and Conditions.** Development of the property shall conform
substantially to the approved Butterfield Specific Plan as filed in the Planning Division, unless
otherwise amended. Should the regulations in the Specific Plan differ from the City of Banning
Zoning Ordinance, the regulations in the Specific Plan shall take precedence. Regulations that
are not addressed in the Butterfield Specific Plan shall be subject to the City of Banning Zoning
Code.

5. **Outside Agencies.** Development of the property shall be in accordance with the plans and
procedures of various responsible agencies. These include the following:

a. **State and Federal Standards.** The Project shall conform to all disabled access
requirements in accordance with the State of California, Title 14, and Federal Americans
with Disabilities Act (ADA).

b. **Southern California Edison.** If construction is proposed within the area of the Southern
California Edison power transmission easement or immediately adjacent thereto, the
Developer shall contact the area service planner for Southern California Edison to
coordinate construction related activities.

c. **School Districts.** The Developer shall demonstrate payment of standard requirements and mitigation fees established by the State of California and the Banning Unified and Beaumont Unified School Districts.

d. **Riverside County Flood Control.** Prior to approval of any Final Tract or Parcel Map for which a Riverside County Flood Control master plan facility is included, the Developer shall obtain a written statement from the Riverside County Flood Control District, in a form satisfactory to the City, indicating that the Developer has adequately demonstrated the viability of proposed drainage facilities. The written statement could be the approval of the facility by RCFCD.

e. **Caltrans District 8.** Prior to issuance of applicable roadway improvement or encroachment permits, the Developer is required to receive approval of any construction or work within the Caltrans right-of-way(s).

f. **California Department of Fish and Game.** The Developer shall apply for and receive approval of an agreement under Section 1602 of the California Fish and game Code.

g. **United States Army Corps of Engineer.** The owner, Developer, or successor in interest shall receive approval of a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

h. **Regional Water Quality Control Board.** The owner, Developer, or successor in interest shall receive approval of a permit under Section 401 of the State Porter-Cologne Act from the Colorado River basin Regional Water Quality Control Board.

i. **Riverside Conservation Authority.** The owner, Developer, or successor in interest shall comply with the Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Program mitigation fees.

j. **South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).** The owner, Developer, or successor in interest shall comply with the air quality regulations promulgated by the SCAQMD.

6. **Mitigation Measures and Mitigation Monitoring Plan.** The owner, Developer, or successor in interest shall comply with the Mitigation Measures and Mitigation Monitoring Plan as approved in the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2007091149) as certified by the City Council on ________________ and incorporated herein by reference. The owner, Developer, or successor in interest shall pay for the cost of implementing and monitoring the mitigation measures.

7. **City Approvals.** All approvals by City, unless otherwise specified, shall be by the department head of the department requiring the condition. All agreements, covenants, easements, deposits and other documents required herein where City is a party shall be in a form approved by the City Attorney. The Developer shall pay the cost for review and approval of such agreements and deposit necessary funds pursuant to a deposit agreement.

8. **Homeowner's Associations.** The owner, Developer, or successor in interest shall form a Home Owner's Association (HOA) to maintain private amenities and areas that are determined by the City to be under the area of responsibility of the Homeowners Association.
9. **Property Management Association.** The owner, Developer, or successor in interest shall form a Property Management Association for maintenance of common areas within the commercial/office component of the Project.

10. **Covenant, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs).** Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) shall be established for residential and commercial development. The owner, Developer, or successor in interest shall pay for the cost of review and approval of the CC&Rs by the City Attorney. The CC&Rs shall provide for proper maintenance of all property and include other necessary conditions to carry out the terms herein, and shall be enforceable by City, and recorded prior to development of any parcels. An initial deposit of $5,000 is required to cover processing costs. The Developer shall pay the cost for review and approval of such agreements and deposit necessary funds pursuant to a deposit agreement.

11. **Reciprocal Ingress and Egress.** Reciprocal ingress and egress shall be established between the parcels within each of the commercial areas, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

12. **Mandatory Solid Waste Disposal.** Mandatory solid waste disposal services shall be provided by the City franchised waste hauler to all parcels/lots or uses affected by approval of this Project.

13. **Community Facilities District (CFD).** This Project is *not* within an existing Community Facilities District (CFD). As a requirement of this Project, one or more CFD’s (and LMDs) shall be required to fund the maintenance of infrastructure, landscaping, police, and fire services. The formation of the CFD must be completed prior to recordation. An initial deposit of $5,000 is required to cover processing costs associated with the proceedings for the establishment of the CFD. The Developer shall pay the cost for review and approval of such agreements and deposit necessary funds pursuant to a deposit agreement.

14. **Tentative Tract Map(s) or Tentative Parcel Map(s).** The Developer or successor in interest shall submit Master Tentative Tract Maps for each Planning Area and concurrently therewith tentative subdivision map(s) and/or tentative parcel map(s) for review and approval by the Planning Commission and City Council. The maps shall be developed consistent with the development standards as established in the Butterfield Specific Plan and the Development Agreement.

15. **Addresses.** All numbered lots shall have addresses assigned by the Building and Safety Department.

16. **Project Phasing.** The Project phasing shall be in conformance with the approved Butterfield Specific Plan and the approved Final EIR. A master phasing plan(s) will be developed as per the Development Agreement. Projects subject to a building permit shall have all required on and off-site improvements that will facilitate the ability to safely occupy or utilize said construction, required for each phase, completed and approved prior to final inspection of any buildings or structures. The term "phase" as used here shall mean the following: "The block of building permits drawn on less than the whole Project" or "A plan of building construction which indicates blocks of construction of less than the whole Project". In each phase, the installation of any off-site improvements shall be sufficiently completed so as to assure protection from storm or drainage run off, a safe and drivable access for fire and safety, and the ordinary and intended use of the buildings or structures. The phasing plans shall be further developed as provided in the Development Agreement.
17. **Recycled Water.** All recycled water service is subject to compliance with all rules, regulations, and conditions of all regulatory agencies and payment for all charges and fees in effect at the time service is applied for.

18. **Fair Share Agreements, Reimbursement and Covenant Agreements.** All fair share agreements, covenant agreements and agreements subject to recordation will be subject to review and approval by the City Attorney and will include appropriate enforcement provisions by the City and be properly securitized. The City may require the Developer to enter into fair share and reimbursement and other covenant agreements which may be recorded against property and bind owners of property and their successors. A “fair share” agreement shall provide for Developers of property to pay their fair share for infrastructure improvements as determined by an independent study of the respective benefit received by the benefited property. A reimbursement agreement requires the initial Developer to install infrastructure which will also serve other property when it is developed, and the initial Developer is reimbursed by the future development in accordance with the benefit received by the future development. The benefit formulas and terms of the fair share and reimbursement agreements shall contain provisions for securitization and enforcement and shall be in form and content approved by the City Attorney in accordance with law. The Developer shall pay the cost for review and approval of such agreements and deposit necessary funds pursuant to a deposit agreement.

19. **Development Impact Fees.** The development is required to comply with the provisions agreed upon in the Development Agreement regarding the payment of and timing of Development Impact Fees (“DIFs”).

20. **Disclosure Statement.** A Disclosure Statement shall be submitted to the City for review and approval and made available to all prospective buyers of homes within the development.

21. Such a Disclosure Statement shall at least include the disclosure that every transferor of property within the Project site shall, upon transfer, also provide to any transferee the notice of future Southern California Edison (SCE) improvements recited below in writing. This notice may be contained in any form of agreement or contract; however, the notice need be given only once in any transaction. The transferor shall acknowledge delivery of the notice and the transferee shall acknowledge receipt of the notice. The notice shall read as follows:

"NOTICE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) RIGHT-OF-WAY FUTURE PROJECTS

You are hereby notified that the property you are acquiring an interest in is located within close proximity to Southern California Edison right-of-way easement. SCE expects to apply to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct electrical facilities associated with the West of Devers Upgrade Project (or similarly defined project), as well as any other future utility project(s) that require construction of new or upgraded facilities within the SCE right-of-way easement."
22. **School District Fees.** The Developer shall provide certification from the appropriate school district as required by California Government Code Section 53080(b) that any fee, charge, dedication or other form or requirement levied by the governing board of the district pursuant to Government Code Section 53080(a) has been satisfied.

23. **Processing Fees.** The development is subject to all appropriate City Processing fees, charges, deposits for services to be rendered, and securities required pursuant to the adopted fee schedule, as amended or superseded prior to final inspection.

24. **Twenty-one (21) Acre Property.** The 21-acre property that is part of the Butterfield Specific Plan and designated Planning Area 43B is for the establishment of pre-zoning for the property if it was to be proposed for annexation to the City of Banning in the future, such as by its property owners; however, it is not planned for annexation at this time. If the property is annexed into the City; the property shall be annexed into the Community Facilities District as established.

25. **Fire Station Site.** The Developer, owner, or successor in interest shall dedicate the fire station site to the City of Banning. The Owner will receive fee credits as provided in the appraised value of the property at the time of purchase. The dedication shall occur in accordance with the phasing plan in the Development Agreement.

26. **Bicycle Path and Neighborhood Electric Vehicle and Walking Trails.** The development shall provide bicycle paths/lanes, neighborhood electric vehicle/golf cart lanes, and walking trails in substantial conformance as shown in Exhibit 3.4 of the Butterfield Specific Plan. The dedication shall occur in accordance with the phasing plan in the Development Agreement.

27. **Fire Department Conditions of Approval.** The Developer shall comply with the conditions in the transmittal from the Fire Department which is under contract from the County through California Department of Forestry.

27. **Trust Deposit Accounts.** Trust deposit accounts shall be established for future submittal and review of tentative tract or parcel maps. All trust deposits shall be maintained no deficits. The trust deposits shall be governed by deposit agreements. The trust deposit account shall be maintained separate from other City funds and shall be non-interest bearing. City may make demands for additional deposits to cover all expenses over a period of 60 days and funds shall be deposited within 10 days of the request therefore, or work may cease on the Project.

28. **Indemnification.** The Developer shall indemnify the City and its elected boards, commissions, officers, agents and employees and will hold and save them and each of them harmless from any and all actions, suits, claims, liabilities, losses, damages, penalties, obligations and expenses (including but not limited to attorneys’ fees and costs) against the City and/or Agent for any such Claims or Litigation (as defined in Section 1.10 of the Development Agreement) and shall be responsible for any judgment arising therefrom. The City shall provide the Developer with notice of the pendency of such action and shall request that the Developer defend such action. The Developer may utilize the City Attorney’s office or use legal counsel of its choosing, but shall reimburse the City for any necessary legal cost incurred by City. The Developer shall provide a deposit in the amount of 150% of the City’s estimate, in its sole and absolute discretion, of the cost of litigation, including the cost of any award of attorneys fees, and shall make additional deposits as requested by City to keep the deposit at such level. The City may ask for further security in the form of a deed of trust to land of equivalent value. If the Developer fails to provide or maintain the deposit, the City may abandon the action and the Developer shall pay all costs resulting therefrom and City shall have no liability to the Developer. The Developer’s
obligation to pay the cost of the action, including judgment, shall extend until judgment. After judgment in a trial court, the parties must mutually agree as to whether any appeal will be taken or defended. The Developer shall have the right, within the first 30 days of the service of the complaint, in its sole and absolute discretion, to determine that it does not want to defend any litigation attacking this Agreement or the Development Approvals in which case the City shall allow the Developer to settle the litigation on whatever terms the Developer determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, but Developer shall confer with City before acting and cannot bind City. In that event, the Developer shall be liable for any costs incurred by the City up to the date of settlement but shall have no further obligation to the City beyond the payment of those costs. In the event of an appeal, or a settlement offer, the Parties shall confer in good faith as to how to proceed. Notwithstanding the Developer’s indemnity for claims and litigation, the City retains the right to settle any litigation brought against it in its sole and absolute discretion and the Developer shall remain liable except as follows: (i) the settlement would reduce the scope of the Project by 10% or more, and (ii) the Developer opposes the settlement. In such case the City may still settle the litigation but shall then be responsible for its own litigation expense but shall bear no other liability to the Developer.

29. **Community Center/Emergency Site.** An approximately 6-acre site shall be dedicated to the City of Banning for a community or emergency housing center within either Planning Areas 35 or 39 or the site shall be provided within the surplus sites that may include the optional satellite waste water treatment plant site that is located at the northwest corner of Highland Home Road and Wilson Street. [Ultimate size of site will be adjusted to not adversely affect development area of surrounding property] The site shall be graded and be provided with a finished pad. Utilities will be stubbed to the property according to the requirements of the Public Works department. In the event that the City requests the Community Center within any of the residential Planning Areas that allow for such uses, per the provisions stated within the Specific Plan, the Owner and City shall enter into an agreement for the acquisition of the otherwise developable land. This site would be in addition to the parks and open space sites that are shown on Exhibit 3.1B of the Specific Plan. The dedication shall occur in accordance with the Phasing Plan in the Development Agreement. Developer shall not receive development fee credit for the value of the site, and may be asked to construct the improvements in accordance with the Development Agreement.

30. **Paleo/Archeological Conditions.** In the event that Native American cultural resources are discovered during project development/construction, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find shall cease and a qualified archeologist meeting the Secretary of Interior Standards shall be hired to access the find. Work on the overall project may continue during this assessment period. If significant Native American cultural resources are discovered, for which a Treatment Plan must be prepared, the developer or his archeologist shall contact the Morongo Band of Mission Indians (“Tribe”). If requested by the Tribe, the developer of the project archeologist shall, in good faith, consult on the discovery and its disposition.”

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE**

31. **Parks, Recreation and Open Space.** The Land Use Plan includes development of a total of 66.5-acres of neighborhood parks, neighborhood recreation centers, community parks, and an 18-hole golf course or open space as depicted in Table 3-3 and described in Section 3.6 of the approved Butterfield Specific Plan. All dedications and improvements shall be in accordance with the Phasing Plan in the Development Agreement except as specifically provided herein.
32. **Parks Completion and Use by the Public:**

   a. Prior to the construction of any parks, the Developer shall meet with both the Director and the Director of Parks and Recreation to review the provisions set forth in the Specific Plan outlining the facilities to be provided at each park and discuss the Developer’s plans for near-term construction of the parks. Prior to development of each park, a detailed site plan consistent with the Specific Plan shall be prepared by the Developer and approved by the Director and the Parks and Recreation Commissions. The Developer shall complete the construction of neighborhood parks and utility easement parks (park improvements which will go in beneath the SCE easement area in the middle of the project in Planning Areas 36, 37 and 38, Planning Areas 22 through 34, 36 through 38, 62, 64 through 67 and 72, no later than the issuance of the final Certificate of Occupancy for residential units within the adjacent subdivisions. A subdivision separated from a park by a street shall not be considered to be adjacent to the park. The City and Developer shall, mutually, determine what constitutes the adjacent subdivision if a park adjoins more than one subdivision. Upon completion of each neighborhood park, the City shall, after the one-year maintenance period has expired, within 10 working days, develop final punch lists of items to be corrected prior to acceptance by the City. Upon correction of final punch list items by the Developer, the City shall accept the park within 30 days of the date of the final inspection.

   b. The City’s Parks Master Plan indentifies the need in the Project for a community recreation and/or emergency response center (the “Center”), and this is even more necessary if the Golf Course is not developed. This Center would be on an approximately six (6) acre parcel in Planning Area 39 in lieu of the golf clubhouse, or alternatively could be located as a part of a community park or other available site including in Planning Area 71, or in lieu of the waste water treatment plant site in Planning Area 11. Depending on the site selected, the six (6) acres may be reduced so as to not adversely affect the development area of adjacent parcels from the development areas shown in the Specific Plan. The Center is contemplated as a 30,000 sq. foot facility. The plan for the Center shall be included in the Park Master Plan and the site plan shall be processed at the time the chosen Planning Area is developed, subject to approved Phasing Plans, and provided that if the City chooses to put the Center in Planning Area 11, it may be developed as part of Phase I provided that Developer shall satisfy the Phase I obligation by providing a developed site, and need not fund the construction of the improvements if there are insufficient DIF’s for credit. The Developer shall dedicate the site to City without charge. If developed as part of a park it shall be developed at the time required for parks in Section 8.1.1 of the Development Agreement. The Center may include emergency operations and shelter components, and will also include appropriate landscaped grounds and facilities as specified in the Master Plan. Except as provided in this Condition, the Center may be developed and constructed by Developer in the same manner as for the waste water treatment plant.

33. **Golf Course Alternative.** Any alternative plan for the development of the golf course open space within Planning Areas 35 and 39 shall be subject to the City’s discretionary Design Review process as provided for in the Specific Plan and City Code. The determination on the golf course use shall be in accordance with the Phasing Plan in the Development Agreement except as specifically provided herein.

34. **Alternative Use of the School Sites.** If the school site(s) is not needed, then any alternative
use(s) of the site(s) shall be subject to the City discretionary Design Review process as provided for in the Specific Plan and City Code.

35. **Design Review for Parks, Recreation, and Open Space.** Review for improvement of applicable parks, recreation and open space for each development phase shall be approved by the Community Services Department and Community Development Department prior to recordation of final subdivision maps for that phase, in accordance with the phasing schedule and procedures specified in these conditions of approval. Nothing herein shall prevent submission of plans for review by the appropriate commission. Generally, parks and open space shall include youth oriented amenities and designed as illustrated in the Conceptual Park Plans in the Butterfield Specific Plan. The Community Recreation Center in Planning Areas 21 and 63 could include amenities such as a clubhouse, tennis courts, pool and, basketball courts. The 34-acre land in Planning Area 71 that is reserved for the detention basin/lake shall be provided with looped multi-use trails adjacent to the basin as deemed acceptable by the Public Works Department with picnic areas and shade structures. Plans for the amenities within Planning Area 71 shall be submitted for review and approval prior to the issuance of grading permit for the lake. The detention basin/lake shall be constructed consistent with any changes made to Smith Creek and in accordance with the Phasing Plan in the Development Agreement.

36. **One Year Maintenance of Parks and Open Space.** The Developer shall maintain all parks, parkways, medians, berms, lakes, drainage facilities not accepted by Riverside County Flood Control District and irrigation systems within streets or otherwise annexed into the Maintenance Districts, excluding facilities maintained by the Homeowners Association (HOA), for a period of one year after construction until accepted by the receiving agency. All facilities shall be operable and in good working order and any dead or dying landscaping shall be replaced with like materials. If these conditions are not met, or if landscaping has not been in a consistently healthy condition, the one year period can be extended. The Developer shall pay one year cash deposit or post a bond in an amount equal to one year’s maintenance plus City administrative costs (value to be determined prior to recordation of each final map) to ensure maintenance for one year, and shall securitize the obligation in a form approved by the City Attorney. After one year, these operations shall be accepted by the appropriate Maintenance District. That maintenance district will then maintain the facilities to the same level as required by Owner during the maintenance period.

37. **North Basin within Planning Area 71.** The Developer, owner, or successor in interest shall develop amenities around the basin for recreational purposes to include multi-purpose trails, picnic shelter(s) with picnic tables and benches for seating. Maintenance of the amenities shall be provided by the Community Facilities District (CFD), Landscape Maintenance District (LMD), or other private funding mechanism.

38. **Installation of Plant Material.** Landscaping and permanent irrigation facilities shall be installed with street improvements including landscaped median on Highland Springs Avenue and Wilson Street in accordance with the approved Butterfield Specific Plan as they pertain to plant and irrigation standards. The Developer shall have appropriate right-of-way improvements, landscaping, street lighting and irrigation installed and in good working order prior to final release of occupancy of the homes subject to agreed upon phasing between the City and the Developer and in accordance with the Development Agreement.

39. **Content of Plans.** Landscape Improvement plans shall conform to the concepts, features, and standards established in the approved Butterfield Specific Plan and the conditions enumerated
herein, and shall be prepared by a licensed landscaped architect.

40. **Water Conservation.** In accordance with the Banning Municipal Code, all landscape and irrigation plans shall provide drought resistant and/or native vegetation, automatic irrigation systems which minimize runoff, and, where feasible, a separate irrigation system for the conveyance and distribution of recycled water.

41. **Recycled Water.** All landscaping within the golf course open space shall be irrigated with non-potable water. The Developer shall install a recycled water system on site, as approved by the City and the Environmental Health Department. The Phasing Plan shall be in accordance with the Development Agreement. Developer will work with City Public Works Department if special watering needs are required by golf course operator. (See Condition 61 Below)

42. **Security Camera.** For security reasons, the Developer, property owner or successor in interest shall provide a security camera at the City’s discretion in selected neighborhood and/or community parks where restroom facilities and other structures are provided. Specifications of the security camera shall be subject to review and approval of the Police Department. The cameras, once installed, will be maintained and operated by the City of Banning Police Department. Developer shall convey the equipment to City with all warranties thereon.

**SITE AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN**

43. **Architectural Styles.** The architectural styles for the Project shall be consistent with the conceptual architectural design as approved in the Butterfield Specific Plan. Any major significant deviations from the architectural styles in the Butterfield Specific Plan are subject to review and approval of a Design Review by the Planning Commission.

44. **Community Entry Monument Program and Project/Tract Identification.** Consistent with the Butterfield Specific Plan, community entry statements, including theme walls, monumentation, and enhanced landscaping at each entrance to the Project shall be consistent with the locations as approved in the Butterfield Specific Plan. Theme walls and monuments shall not occur within the public right-of-way. All entry monumentation programs shall be submitted for review and approval by the Community Development Department and shall be in substantial conformance with the approved Butterfield Specific Plan. Construction of the monumentation shall occur based on phasing and shall be completed and open prior to final occupancy of the first home in each phase.

45. **Unit/Building Identification.** Each building and unit in the Project shall include a lighted address fixture. This fixture shall allow for replacement of the bulbs, and shall be reviewed and approved by the Community Development Department, the Fire Department, and the Police Department.

46. **Phasing.** Any Phasing Plan shall be reviewed and approved by the Community Development Department and Public Works Department. Each Phase of the Project shall provide adequate drainage, domestic water, and at least two points of access to all lots. A phasing plan shall be submitted with the Design Review application. The phasing plan shall be in accordance with the Master Phasing Plan in the Development Agreement and shall include the installation of any necessary backbone infrastructure.

47. **Commercial Sites.** Developer shall use its best efforts in planning for the development of the
commercial sites within the Butterfield Specific Plan to include a big-box retailer such as Target or equivalent major tenant and as the commercial sites produce tax revenue to City and are important to alleviate the fiscal impact of the Project. Developer shall develop the commercial sites as more specifically described in the Development Agreement. In particular, Planning Areas 17 and 18 shall be developed for a big box user such as Target, Lowes, Costco, or equivalent, and shall be developed in the first phase of the Project per the Phasing Plan in the Development Agreement. The development on the commercial sites shall be subject to Design Review and approval by the Planning Commission.

48. **Multi-Family Sites.** Plans for the development of the multi-family sites shall be subject to review and approval by the Planning Commission through discretionary Design Review or other entitlement as necessary to comply with the Butterfield Specific Plan as approved and the City’s Municipal Code as applicable.

49. **Active Adult Community.** Plans for the development of the active adult community within the Specific Plan shall be subject to review and approval by the Planning Commission in accordance with the approved Butterfield Specific Plan and the City’s Municipal Code as applicable.

50. **Satellite Waste Water Treatment Facility.** The architecture of the building for the satellite wastewater treatment facility, if the construction of such a facility is requested by City, shall be designed to be compatible with the architecture of residential homes and the surrounding environment. The facility shall be constructed on a site approved by the Director of Public Works and dedicated to City, in accordance with the terms of the Development Agreement. If built off site, Developer will pay its fair share fees for such development in accordance with an approved fair share agreement. Plans for construction shall be prepared by appropriately certified architects and engineers and approved by the Director of Public Works.

51. **Window Treatments.** Per Sections 4.5.2.1 and 4.8.2 within the Specific Plan, building facades abutting a public street, tract boundary, or a downhill slope having an elevation change in excess of 20 feet shall provide elevation enhancements which could include window treatments such as shutters, awnings, or similar on the facades.

52. **Garage Door(s).** Garage Doors shall be provided with various door designs and colors that are compatible with the design of each home.

53. **Mechanical Equipment.** All mechanical equipment, including air conditioning units, pool equipment, etc., shall be screened from the public right-of-way by a view obscuring fence, wall, or landscaping to the satisfaction of the Community Development Department.

54. **Spark Arresters.** All spark arresters in the proposed tract shall be screened by enhanced architectural enclosures or other material acceptable to the Building Official and Planning Division and painted according to the approved paint palette.

55. **Decorative Paving within Streets at the Primary and Secondary Entries.** Decorative paving could be provided within the right-of-way at sufficient distance at the primary and secondary entries. The type of enhancement could include stamped asphalt or other similar applications.

56. **Street Paving.** Public streets in each tract, planning area, or phase of development shall be paved and accessible prior to the issuance of building permits for the first production unit.
57. **Setbacks.** The minimum setbacks shall be as set forth in the Butterfield Specific Plan.

58. **Lighting for the Garages and Porches.** Light fixtures for the garage exteriors and porches shall be provided with decorative light fixtures.

59. **Trash Enclosures for Commercial and Multi-Family Residential Development.** Trash enclosures for the commercial development and multi-family residential development shall be provided with a walk-in enclosure with decorative cap and lattice covers.

**LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT**

60. **Landscape Construction and Water Conservation.** All landscape architecture documents and landscape construction shall comply with the City of Banning Municipal Code with regard to water conservation in landscaping.

61. **Registered Landscape Architect Licensed by the State of California.** All landscape architecture documents, used as part of the entitlement and landscape construction process, shall be designed by a registered landscape architect licensed by the State of California.

62. **Review and approval of Landscape Architecture Documents.** All landscape architecture documents shall be submitted to Community Development Department for review and approval.

63. **Recycled Water for the Golf Course Open Space and Common Landscaping Irrigation.** All common open space landscape irrigation shall use reclaimed or recycled water, where available. The golf course must use recycle water for general irrigation of the fairways. The greens may use potable water.

64. **Future Changes to Approval Landscape Architecture Documents.** All future changes, to the landscape architecture documents after City approval, shall be reviewed by the City for conformance to all laws. If major changes are proposed, the Developer, owner, or successor in interest shall submit the landscape plans and shall deposit funds in the City’s trust deposit account for review and approval of the plans. The determination of whether a change is major or minor shall be made by the Director.

65. **Landscape Maintenance.** The owner, Developer, or its successors agrees to maintain the landscape construction, including trails, in accordance with the following:

- A. The landscape construction shall be neat, of good quality and design, and show good horticultural practice.
- B. The landscape construction shall preserve the design intent in accordance with the approved landscape architecture documents.
- C. The landscaped areas shall have appropriate irrigation and drainage systems to assure healthy landscaping and prevent runoff and debris flows.
- D. The landscape construction shall be maintained in good 1st class condition in accordance with the approved Landscape Maintenance Guidelines approved with the Project.
- E. The landscape maintenance shall be provided by the owner, the owner’s representatives, or by the proper professionals registered with the State of California until such time that the appropriate entity accepts the areas for maintenance.
- F. Any diseased or dead landscaping shall be replaced by landscaping of similar size and in good and healthy condition.
66. **Clear Sight Triangles.** All vehicular sight line triangles shall be shown on the landscape construction planting plans.

67. **Trail Easement.** Trail easements shall be dedicated to the City of Banning, where appropriate, and shall be shown on the final map in accordance with the requirements of the City of Banning. The Developer shall provide information sufficient to confirm to the City of Banning that the trails are terminated in a safe manner at the tract boundaries. Trail crossings shall be shown on the road improvement plans and the final map, where appropriate. Unless otherwise approved by City, all trails shall be fully improved, when dedicated in accordance with Butterfield Specific Plan and all Project approvals. The Developer may be required to provide temporary trail connections to be replaced by permanent improvements in accordance with agreements approved by the City Attorney.

68. **Landscape Inspection.** All landscape inspections shall be requested at least 48 hours in advance.

69. **Avoidance of Trees Conflict with Light Standard and Utility Lines.** Trees shall be planted in such a way as to avoid conflict between light standards and electric utility distribution lines. Street tree size shall be a minimum 15-gallon and at least 50% of all street trees should be a minimum of 24-inch box size consistent with the provision of Section 4.3.2 of the Butterfield Specific Plan dated November 21, 2011. All residential landscaping shall conform to Chapter 17.32, Landscape Standards of the Banning Municipal Code. All residential lots for single-family residential development shall be provided with a minimum of one 15-gallon front yard tree, one, 15-gallon accent tree. The plant list shall be provided consistent with Section 4.6.2. If there are conflicts between the landscaping requirements of the Banning Municipal Code versus the Butterfield Specific Plan, the requirements in the Butterfield Specific Plan shall prevail.

70. **Landscape Inspections.** The Project Developer shall be aware and inform the on-site project or construction manager and the landscape contractor of their responsibility to call for landscape inspections. A minimum of three (3) landscape inspections are required in the following order, and the landscape inspection card shall be signed by the City’s landscape inspector to signify approval at the following stages of landscape installation:

   A. At installation of irrigation equipment, when the trenches are still open;
   
   B. After soil preparation, when plant materials are positioned and ready to plant; and,
   
   C. At final inspection, when all plant materials are installed and the irrigation system is fully operational.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

71. **Landscape Maintenance District ("LMD").** The City shall require the Developer to participate in a landscape and maintenance district for the maintenance of landscaping within public rights of way or easements in a form approved by City Attorney.

72. **Plan Submittal for Public Works.** The issuance of these Conditions of Approval do not negate the requirements of the Public Works Department for submittal, review, and approval of street improvement plans, signing and striping plans, grading plans, storm drain improvement plans,
street lighting plans, water, sewer, and electrical improvement plans, or other plans as deemed necessary by the Public Works Director.

73. **Public Works Permit.** A Public Works Permit shall be required prior to commencement of any work within the public right-of-way. The contractor working within the public right-of-way shall submit proof of a Class "A" State Contractor's License, City of Banning Business License, and Liability Insurance. Any existing public improvements, or public improvements not accepted by the City that are damaged during construction shall be removed and replaced as determined by the City Engineer or his/her representative.

74. **Improvement Plans.** The following improvement plans shall be prepared by a Civil Engineer licensed by the State of California; and, submitted to the Engineering Division for review and approval. A separate set of plans shall be prepared for each line item listed below and for each phase of the Project area. Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the City Engineer, the plans shall utilize the minimum scale specified and shall be drawn on 24” x 36” Mylar film. Plans may be prepared at a larger scale if additional detail or plan clarity is desired (Note: the Developer may be required to prepare other improvement plans not listed here pursuant to improvements required by other agencies and utility purveyors).

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75. **Other Engineered Improvement Plans.** Other engineered improvement plans. Other engineered improvement plans prepared for City approval that are not listed herein shall be prepared in formats approved by the City Engineer prior to commencing plan preparation.

76. **Street Plans.** All off-site plan and profile street improvement plans and signing & striping plans shall show all existing improvements for a distance of at least 200-feet beyond the Project limits, or at a distance sufficient to show any required design transitions.

77. **Signs & Striping.** All on-site signing and striping plans shall show the following at a minimum: stop signs, limit lines and legends, no parking signs, raised pavement markers (including blue
raised pavement markers at fire hydrants) and street name signs per Public Works standard plans and/or as approved by the City Engineer.

78. **Index Map.** A small index map shall be included on the title sheet of each set of plans, showing the overall view of the entire work area.

79. **Granting of Easements.** The Developer shall not grant any easements over any property subject to a requirement of dedication or irrevocable offer of dedication to the City of Banning or the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFCD) unless such easements are expressly made subordinate to the easements to be offered for dedication to the City or RCFCD. Prior to granting any of said easements, the Developer shall furnish a copy of the proposed easements to the City Engineer for review and approval.

80. All street improvement design shall provide pavement and lane transitions per City standards for transition to existing street sections.

81. **Driveway Grades.** Driveway grades shall not exceed eight percent unless approved by the City Engineer.

82. **Construction Debris.** Construction debris shall be disposed of at a certified recycling site. It is recommended that the Developer shall contact the City's franchised solid waste hauler for disposal of construction debris.

83. **Plan Check Fees.** Required plan check fees for professional report review (geotechnical, drainage, etc.), and all improvement plans review, shall be paid prior to submittal of said documents for review and approval in accordance with the fee schedule in effect at the time of submittal and the Development Agreement.

84. **Recycled Water Usage.** All lots on final maps for common open space, parks, and golf courses shall be served by a recycled water system. Recycled water shall be used when available for the Project golf course, parks and common open space. Should recycled water become available from City sources, the proposed Project shall have the capability to connect to these facilities and such connection shall be made within 90 days of request therefore by City. This condition shall be contained in the CC&Rs.

85. **School Site Grading.** Should the Banning and Beaumont Unified School Districts and the Project proponent come to an agreement on the conveyance of land within the Specific Plan to the Districts, the Developer shall cause that land to be rough-graded prior to conveyance and prior to issuance of the last building permit for the phase in which the site is located.

86. **Road Design.** Roadways shall be designed as depicted in the Specific Plan. The Developer shall be responsible for the acquisition of all necessary rights of way for streets within and adjacent to the Project; subject to Gov’t Code section 66462.5 and the Development Agreement.

**ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

87. **Electric Installations.** The Developer shall be responsible for all trenching, backfill, and compaction of electric installations in accordance with the phasing plan as provided in the Development Agreement.
II. PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF GRADING PERMITS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

88. Retaining Walls. Plans for the construction of retaining wall plans shall be reviewed and approved by the Building and Safety and Planning divisions.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

89. Flood Risks. If any of the development’s lots are located within a mapped flood plain, the lots are subject to flood insurance rates (premiums) until such time that a map revision has been accomplished removing the lot from the flood plain.

90. Construction Access. The Developer shall submit a construction access plan and schedule for the development of the Project for Community Development Director and Public Works Director approval; including, but not limited to, public notice requirements, special street posting, phone listing for community concerns, hours of construction activity, dust control measures, and security fencing.

91. Grading Standards. Grading of the subject property shall be in accordance with the City of Banning grading standards, and accepted grading practices as reviewed and approved by the City Engineer. Final grading plans shall be in substantial conformance with the approved Specific Plan.

92. Preconstruction Meetings. A preconstruction meeting shall be held for all participating field personnel, including all appropriate City staff, prior to the commencement of construction activities.

93. Soils/Geologic Reports. Soils reports and geological reports shall be prepared by a qualified engineer and geologist, respectively, licensed by the State of California to perform such work. Said report shall be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer. The Developer shall be required to comply with all recommendations of said reports.

94. Other Permitting Agencies. Prior to the issuance of any grading, construction, or building permit by the City, the Developer shall obtain any necessary clearances and/or permits if required from the following agencies:

- Fire Marshal
- Public Works Department (Grading Permit, Improvement Permit)
- City Water, Sewer and Electric Departments
- Community Development Department
- Riverside Co. Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Banning / Beaumont Unified School Districts
- California Water Quality Control Board (CWQCB)
- California Department of Fish and Game
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers
The Developer is responsible for all requirements of the permits and/or clearances from the above listed agencies. When the requirements include approval of improvement plans, the Developer shall furnish proof of such approvals when submitting those improvement plans for City approval.

95. **Utility Systems.** All utility systems including gas, electric, telephone, water, sewer, storm drain, and cable TV shall be provided underground, with easements provided as required, designed and submitted for review and approval. Said items shall be constructed in accordance with City codes and the utility provider. Telephone, cable TV, and/or security systems shall be pre-wired.

96. **Conferred Rights.** In accordance with the approved plans, the Developer shall acquire or confer property rights necessary for the construction or proper functioning of the proposed Project development. Conferred rights shall include right-of-way dedications, irrevocable offers to dedicate or grant of easements to the City for emergency services, maintenance, utilities, storm drain facilities, or temporary construction purposes including the reconstruction of essential improvements. All agreements shall be in a form approved by the City Attorney. Dedications shall be made on the map or by recorded instrument prior to issuance of grading permits.

97. **Drainage Study.** The Developer shall submit a Drainage Study with hydrologic and hydraulic analysis for developed and undeveloped (existing) conditions to the Engineering Division for review and approval for each phase of the Project. The study and analysis shall be prepared by a civil engineer licensed by the State of California. Drainage design shall be in accordance with the Butterfield Specific Plan, the EIR Mitigation Measures, and the Banning Master Drainage Plan adopted by Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFCD), RCFCD Hydrology Manual, and standard plans and specifications. The 10-year storm flow shall be contained within the street curbs, and the 100-year storm shall be contained within the street right-of-way; when this criteria is exceeded, additional drainage facilities shall be designed and constructed to the satisfaction of the Director.

98. **Flood Area.** Portions of the site are located in a Flood Area as identified in the current Flood Insurance Rate Map. The Developer is responsible for providing a certification by a registered professional engineer or architect demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Director that encroachments shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

99. **Natural Drainage.** The Project grading shall be designed in a manner that perpetuates the existing natural drainage patterns with respect to tributary drainage areas, outlet points and outlet conditions. Otherwise, a drainage easement shall be obtained for the release of concentrated or diverted storm flows. The Project shall accept and convey storm flows from the adjacent property to the north and east. Drainage design shall be consistent with condition #97.

100. **Stormwater Management and Discharge Controls.** The Developer shall comply with Chapter 13.24 "Stormwater Management and Discharge Controls" of the Banning Municipal Code (BMC); California Building Code related to excavation and grading; and, the State Water Resources Control Board's orders, rules, and regulations.
101. For construction activities including clearing, grading or excavation of land that disturbs one (1) acre or more of land, or that disturbs less than one (1) acre of land, but which is a part of a construction project that encompasses more than one (1) acre of land, the Developer shall be required to submit a Storm Water Pollution Protection Plan (SWPPP) and file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

102. **SWPPP.** The Developer's SWPPP shall include provisions for all of, including but not limited to, the following Best Management Practices ("BMPs"):
   - Temporary Soil Stabilization (erosion control).
   - Temporary Sediment Control.
   - Wind Erosion Control.
   - Tracking Control.
   - Non-Storm Water Management.
   - Waste Management and Materials Pollution Control.

103. **Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs.** All erosion and sediment control BMPs proposed by the Developer shall be approved by the City Engineer prior to any onsite or offsite grading, pursuant to this Project. The approved SWPPP and BMPs shall remain in effect for the entire duration of Project construction until all improvements are completed and accepted by the City. The Developer shall ensure that the required SWPPP is available for inspection at the Project site at all times through and including acceptance of all improvements by the City.

104. **Grading and Excavations in the Public Right-of-Way.** Grading and excavations in the public right-of-way shall be supplemented with a soils and geology report prepared by a professional engineer or geologist licensed by the State of California. A grading permit shall be obtained prior to commencement of any grading activity. Prior to issuance of any grading or building permit a Project-Specific Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) shall be reviewed and approved in accordance with California Regional Water Quality Control Board Colorado River Basin Region Order No. R7-2008-0001.

105. **Fire Marshal Approval.** The Developer shall submit and obtain approval in writing from the Fire Marshall for the plans for all public or private access roads, drives, streets, and alleys. The plans shall include plan and sectional views and indicate the grade and width of the access road measured flow-line to flow-line. When a dead-end access exceeds 150 feet or when otherwise required, a clearly marked fire apparatus access turnaround must be provided and approved by the Fire Marshall. Applicable covenant, conditions or restrictions or other approved documents shall contain provisions which prohibit obstructions such as speed bumps/humps, control gates or other modifications within said easement or access road unless prior approval of the Fire Marshall is granted. Secondary Access for certain Planning Areas, as depicted in the Specific Plan (Exhibit 3.3D, Secondary Access Drives) and reviewed and approved by Fire Marshall, shall be constructed accordingly at the time of construction of all other improvements in the tract.

**ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

106. **Plan Submittal Requirements.** Prior to the issuance of grading permit, the Developer, owner, or successor in interest shall submit detailed plans indicating lot lines, streets, easements, building layout, etc. These plans are required in electronic format AutoCAD 2010 or equivalent at the time of development.
107. **Electric Utility Backbone Infrastructure.** Prior to the issuance of grading permit, electric utility infrastructure backbone plans for this Project must be completed.

### III. PRIOR TO FILING FINAL MAPS

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

108. **Bordering Roadways.** Roadways bordering and fronting the specific plan area on one side shall be designed and constructed, with right-of-way dedication offered, a minimum half width in substantial conformance with the approved Butterfield Specific Plan, including Section 3.2, *Circulation Plan*, Exhibit 3.2, *Vehicular Circulation Plan*, Exhibits 3.3 A&B, *Roadway Cross Sections*, and Section 3.2.5, *Circulation Plan Development Standards*, as well as in conformance with City of Banning requirements and standards as determined by the Public Works Director or designee. These roadways include Highland Springs Avenue, Wilson Street, and Highland Home Road (between Wilson Street and Future “F” Street). Improvements shall include street lighting, curb and gutter, sidewalk, parkway landscaping, asphalt concrete paving, traffic signs and striping, medians, and landscaping where required, and any transitions. Developer’s geotechnical engineering shall provide the design of the pavement section based upon the Caltrans method. Prior to filing of the final subdivision maps, the Developer(s) will work with the City of Banning Public Works Department to identify phasing and timing requirements for the design and construction of all roadway improvements in substantial conformance with the Specific Plan and Phasing Plan per the Development Agreement as determined by the Public Works Director or designee. Roadways bordering the Specific Plan area shall be constructed at minimum half width in conjunction with adjacent development as it occurs in the Specific Plan area. City master planned roadway improvements that are part of a city improvement fee program or will serve other separate development that are designed and constructed by the Butterfield Specific Plan Developer(s) shall be subject to reimbursements and fee credits in accordance with the provisions of the Development Agreement.

109. **Internal Roadways.** Roadways internal to the specific plan area shall be designed and constructed, with right-of-way dedication offered, full width in substantial conformance with the approved Butterfield Specific Plan, including Section 3.2, *Circulation Plan*, Exhibit 3.2, *Vehicular Circulation Plan*, Exhibits 3.3B, C &D *Roadway Cross Sections*, and Section 3.2.5, *Circulation Plan Development Standards*, as well as in conformance with City of Banning requirements and standards as determined by the Public Works Director or designee. Improvements shall include street lighting, curb and gutter, sidewalk, parkway landscaping, asphalt concrete paving, traffic signs and striping, medians, and landscaping where required, and any transitions. Developer’s geotechnical engineering shall provide the design of the pavement section based upon the Caltrans method. Prior to filing of the final subdivision maps, the Developer(s) will work with the City of Banning Public Works Department to identify phasing and timing requirements for the design and construction of all roadway improvements in substantial conformance with the Specific Plan and Phasing Plan per the Development Agreement as determined by the Public Works Director or designee. Roadways interior to the Specific Plan area shall be constructed full width in conjunction with adjacent development as it occurs in the Specific Plan area. City master planned roadway improvements that are part of a city improvement fee program or will serve other separate development that are designed and constructed by the Butterfield Specific Plan Developer(s) shall be subject to reimbursements and fee credits in accordance with the provisions of the Development Agreement. Prior to recordation of the first parcel or tract map, the Developer shall form, to the satisfaction of the
City Engineer and the City Attorney, a homeowners’ association, assessment district, landscaping and lighting district, or other vehicle, for the maintenance of all common areas, including landscaped parkways within public rights of way, in perpetuity.

110. **National Flood Insurance Program.** A portion of the proposed Project is in a flood plain, therefore, in accordance with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and related regulations and Riverside County regulations.

A. A flood study consisting of HEC-2 calculations, cross sections, maps and other data shall be prepared to the Satisfaction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the City of Banning for the purpose of recalculating the floodway and revising the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) of the Specific Plan site. The submittal of the study shall be concurrent with the initial submittal of the related Project improvement plans. City approval of any final maps within the flood plain or unmapped area of Specific Plan shall not be given until a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) has been received.

B. Projects outside the established Flood Plain or unmapped area of the Specific Plan may be approved for development by the City, provided that studies required by Conditions of Approval for the Specific Plan or subsequent parcel/tract maps demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and/or Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, that acceptable flood protection for said project(s) exist or will exist after installation of measures identified by the studies. The Developer acknowledges that existing downstream drainage infrastructure is inadequate to accommodate additional flows and that additional flows shall be retained onsite.

111. **Street Improvement Plans.** Developer shall submit Street Improvement Plans, prepared by a licensed professional engineer, to the Engineering Division for review and approval. Construct street improvements, consisting of new A.C. pavement, landscaped areas within the parkway between the curb and property line and in any open spaces, sidewalks where required, curb, gutter, driveway approaches, handicap access ramps, streetlights, traffic signs, striping, street name signs and roadway striping, etc. The Geotechnical Engineer shall determine the traffic index and R value for pavement design on all the streets.

112. **Water Improvement Plans.** Developer shall submit Water Improvement Plans to the Public Works Department for review and approval. Waterlines to be constructed to and across property boundaries of the Project per the City of Banning Standard Specifications. During phasing of the Project, all waterlines are to be looped for each phase (two points of connection).

113. **Hydraulic Analysis.** Developer shall submit a hydraulic analysis, prepared by a licensed Civil Engineer, showing that the Project or Project phase will meet all required water pressures and fire flows.

114. **Landscape Sprinklers.** Automatic sprinkler systems shall be installed within the landscaped parkway and median in the right of way on any street.

115. **Approval by City Engineer.** All public improvement plans shall be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer.
116. **City Easement Dedications.** Developer shall offer to dedicate to the City of Banning easements to maintain any slopes supporting public right-of-ways. Maintenance easements shall extend 10 feet beyond the toe of slope. All easements shall be in a form approved by the City Attorney.

117. **Potable Water.** A potable water system for the Specific Plan area shall be designed and constructed in substantial conformance with the approved Butterfield Specific Plan, including Section 3.5.1, *Water Service Plan Description*, Exhibit 3.8, *Conceptual Potable Water Plan*, and Section 3.5.5, *Water Plan Standards*, as well as in conformance with the City of Banning Water Master Plan, and other requirements and standards as determined by the Public Works Director or designee. Proposed tentative subdivision maps in the Specific Plan area shall include preliminary in-tract water system layouts. Prior to filing of final subdivision maps, the Developer(s) will work with the City of Banning Public Works and Water Utilities Departments to identify phasing and timing requirements for the design and construction of all Specific Plan backbone master water system improvements, including required off-site improvements, in substantial conformance with the Specific Plan and Phasing Plan per the Development Agreement and as determined by the Public Works Director or designee. City master potable water system improvements designed and constructed by the Butterfield Specific Plan Developer(s) shall be subject to reimbursements and fee credits in accordance with the provisions of the Development Agreement.

118. **Recycled Water Distribution System.** A recycled water distribution system for the Specific Plan area shall be designed and constructed in substantial conformance with the approved Butterfield Specific Plan, including Section 3.5.2, *Recycled Water Service Plan Description*, Exhibit 3.9A, *Conceptual Onsite Recycled Water Plan*, and Section 3.5.5, *Water and Sewer Plan Standards*, as well as in conformance with the City of Banning requirements and standards as determined by the Public Works Director or designee. Proposed tentative subdivision maps in the Specific Plan area shall include preliminary in-tract recycled water system layouts. Prior to filing of final subdivision maps, the Developer(s) will work with the City of Banning Public Works and Water Utilities Departments to identify phasing and timing requirements for the design and construction of all master recycled water system improvements, necessary to serve the Specific Plan area in substantial conformance with the Specific Plan and Phasing Plan per the Development Agreement and as determined by the Public Works Director or designee. The source and supply of recycled water for the Butterfield Specific Plan, when available, and which may include the City’s proposed Main Treatment Plant Upgrade or a potential satellite treatment plant, as well as required conveyance infrastructure, shall be determined by the Public Works Director or designee. City master recycled water system improvements designed and constructed by the Butterfield Specific Plan Developer(s) shall be subject to reimbursements and fee credits in accordance with the provisions of the Development Agreement.

119. **Sewer Collection System.** A sewer collection system for the Specific Plan area shall be designated and constructed in substantial conformance with the approved Butterfield Specific Plan, including Section 3.5.4, *Sewer Service Plan Description*, Exhibit 3.11A, *Conceptual Onsite Sewer Plan*, and Section 3.5.5, *Water and Sewer Plan Standards*, as well as in conformance with the City of Banning requirements and standards as determined by the Public Works Director or designee. Proposed tentative subdivision maps in the Specific Plan area shall include preliminary in-tract sewer system layouts. Prior to filling of final subdivision maps, the Developer(s) will work with the City of Banning Public Works and Wastewater Utilities Departments to identify phasing and timing requirements for the design and construction of all master sewer system improvements, including required off-site improvements, necessary to serve the Specific Plan Area in substantial conformance with the Specific Plan and City of Banning Master Sewer Plan.
and Phasing Plan per the Development Agreement, as determined by the Public Works Director or designee. City master sewer system improvements designed and constructed by the Butterfield Specific Plan Developer(s) shall be subject to reimbursements and fee credits in accordance with the provisions of the Development Agreement.

120. **Wastewater Treatment.** The ultimate treatment of wastewater (sewer) from the Butterfield Specific Plan area, as well as required conveyance infrastructure, shall be determined by the Public Works Director or designee. Wastewater treatment facilities may include the City’s Main Treatment Plant or a satellite treatment plant. Required wastewater infrastructure may include existing city systems and/or proposed new systems in substantial conformance to those described in the Specific Plan and the City of Banning Master Sewer Plan. City master sewer system improvement designed and constructed by the Butterfield Specific Plan Developer(s) shall be subject to reimbursement and fee credits in accordance with the provisions of the Development Agreement.

121. **Sewer Check Valves.** A sewer check valve shall be provided for each lot with a finished pad elevation lower than the rim elevation of the immediate up-stream sewer manhole.

122. **CC&Rs.** A property owners' association shall be established following grading permit issuance and the applicable Conditions, Covenants & Restrictions ("CC&Rs"), shall be prepared for review and approval of the City Engineer and City Attorney providing for maintenance of the parkways, slopes adjacent to public right-of-ways, drainage areas, water quality facilities, detention basins, debris basins, common area landscaping, and median island landscaping. The Developer shall appoint the members of the Board of Directors of the property owners' association, or take such other steps as may be reasonably necessary to assure that members have been appointed or elected to such Board of Directors, until under the terms of the applicable CC&Rs individual lot owners have the power to elect the members of the Board of Directors in accordance with the CC&Rs.

   A. CC&Rs shall contain provisions which prohibit dissolution of the property owners' association unless another entity has agreed to assume the operation and maintenance responsibilities of the property owners' association. The CC&Rs shall contain provisions that prohibit the Developer and his/her successors-in-interest from amending said covenants, conditions and restrictions to conflict with these conditions of approval, City codes and/or standards.

   B. CC&Rs shall be subject to prior review and approval of the City Attorney. The Developer shall bear the cost of the review and make a deposit pursuant to a deposit agreement. The City shall be a party of the CC&Rs with full rights to enforce the provisions pertaining to the City including lien rights. The CC&Rs shall be submitted for review prior to issuance of grading permits and recorded prior to issuance of building permits unless approved by the City Attorney.

123. **Driveways.** Access drives to the public right-of-way shall be restricted to those approved by the City Engineer as shown on the approved plans.

124. Required Public Works Inspection fees shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedule in effect at time of time of scheduling and the Development Agreement; water and sewer connection fees including frontage fees and water meter installation charges shall be paid on a per lot basis at the time of building permit issuance in accordance with the fee schedule in effect at that time and the
Development Agreement; a plan storage fee shall be paid for any engineering plans that may be required in accordance with the fee schedule in effect at the time the fee is paid; a traffic mitigation fee shall be paid in accordance with the Development Agreement; a fee shall be paid to Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in the amount specified by them to perform plan checking for drainage purposes if necessary for the proposed Project.

125. **Government Code Section 66499.** Security for the construction of public improvements including grading may be submitted in accordance with Government Code Section 66499 and shall be as follows:

- Faithful Performance Bond - 100% of estimated cost
- Labor and Material Bond - 100% of estimated cost
- Monumentation Bond - $7,500.00

*Securities for the public improvements shall be on file with the City Clerk prior to scheduling the final map for approval by City Council. Unit prices for bonding estimates shall be those specified or approved by the City Engineer.*

126. **Right-of-Way Documents.** Developer shall submit a copy of the title report, closure calculations, and any separate instruments or necessary right-of-way documents to the Engineering Division for review and approval of the City Engineer prior to final map approval.

127. **Scale for Street Maps.** Maps of the proposed subdivisions drawn at 1”=200' scale showing the outline of the streets including street names shall be submitted to the City to update the city atlas map.

128. **Final Map Form.** An original Mylar of the final map (after recordation) shall be provided to the City for the record files.

129. **Monumentation Records.** A record of all street centerline monument ties shall be submitted to the Engineering Division upon completion of improvements or prior to release of Monumentation Bond.

130. **Right-of-Way Acquisitions.** Right-of-way or easement acquisitions necessary to implement any portion of the maps, including public improvements, shall be obtained by the Developer at its sole expense prior to the City's consideration of the final map which encompasses the particular improvement. The Developer shall notify the City in writing no more than 120 days and no less than 60 days in advance of filing the final map related to the acquisition if City assistance is needed to complete the acquisition pursuant to Government Code Section 66462.5 and shall document in writing all acquisition efforts. Funds in an amount of 100% of the estimated acquisition costs shall be deposited with the City in accordance with a deposit agreement to cover appraisal, right of way agent, and legal fees and costs incurred to secure the necessary property. Additional deposits will be made if needed and City will document the expenditure of all funds.

131. **Existing Plus Project Improvements.** If not constructed by the City or others, the Developer shall construct road improvements identified in Table 4.13-9, Summary of Future Improvements (“Existing plus Project” improvements in the City of Banning only), of the Butterfield Specific Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (June 3, 2011) and as described in the Traffic Impact Analysis for the Butterfield Specific Plan, prepared by LSA Associates Inc. (September 15, 2010). These improvements include portions on Highland Springs Avenue in the City of
Beaumont, between I-10 and Brookside, but exclude locations that are deemed by the affected jurisdiction(s) to be infeasible due to impacts of ROW acquisition. If constructed by the Developer, the cost of these improvements shall be credited against applicable City fees, and/or shall be eligible for reimbursement agreements with the City and/or third parties in accordance with the Development Agreement. The Improvements listed in DEIR Table 4.13-9 shall be consistent with the General Plan Circulation Element. (FEIR Mitigation Measure TRF-1). Improvements shall be constructed in accordance with the Phasing Plan in the Development Agreement.

132. **Validation Report.** As part of each Final Tract Map, or appropriate group of maps, the Developer shall prepare a TIA Validation Report (TVR) based on the criteria provided herein for review and approval by the City Engineer. Final Tract Map approvals resulting in less than 500 p.m. peak hour trips (Exempt Maps) shall not require a TVR unless the cumulative total of prior approved Exempt Maps exceeds 1,000 p.m. peak hour trips since the last TVR.

The TVR shall identify which of the Existing Plus Project improvements identified in Table 4.13-9 of the Butterfield Specific Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (June 3, 2011) and the Traffic Impact Analysis for the Butterfield Specific Plan, prepared by LSA Associates Inc. (September 15, 2010), are required to be constructed for the respective Final Tract Map, to ensure adequate emergency access and satisfactory levels of service. “Existing plus Project” improvements in the City of Banning identified in an approved TVR shall be conditions of Final Tract Map approval. To the extent that any of the improvements mentioned above are included in a fee program, the cost for those improvements, if constructed by the Developer, will be eligible for fee credits in accordance with the Development Agreement.

The ongoing traffic impact assessment program will be based on the p.m. peak-hour trip threshold. The Final Tract Maps’ total number of p.m. peak hour trips will be established based on the trip generation listed in Table 4.13-7, Project Trip Generation, of the Butterfield Specific Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (June 3, 2011). If a portion of commercial development and some residential development is included in the Final Tract Map, the total number of trips generated by each use (commercial and residential) will be calculated for the p.m. peak hour and compared to a predefined threshold.

Recognizing the variety of land use options, overlays and permitted or conditionally permitted uses, the TVR will also be used to verify, as the Project builds out, that the Project’s total peak hour trips are consistent with the assumptions in the Project TIA. (FEIR Mitigation Measure TRF-2).

133. **Offsite Traffic Improvement Plans.** Improvement plans shall be prepared for each Project-related offsite traffic improvement and approved by the City Engineer. Improvement plans shall incorporate the following considerations, as applicable:

- Obtain encroachment permit(s) from the applicable jurisdiction(s) for offsite improvements; Through creative design techniques, where determined appropriate and consistent with City policy, modify roadway geometry to reduce potential impacts to existing developed areas (such as reduced lane widths, reduced or eliminated medians, reduced turn lane transition zones, and/or shifting intersection approaches to widen intersection quadrants where associated impacts would be reduced);
- Maintain access for existing residences and businesses at all times;
• Replace landscaped areas within the affected parcel and along the parcel frontage wherever practical;
• Assist the affected property owner in re-striping affected parking areas and/or reconfiguring affected driveways to avoid or offset improvement-related impacts;
• Follow applicable Project EIR mitigation measures related to biological resources (i.e., BIO-1 through BIO-5 of the Butterfield Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report), with respect to minimizing loss of native vegetation, replacement or relocation of mature trees, use of native and/drought tolerant vegetation in new landscaped areas, and ensuring consistency with applicable MSHCP and regulatory agency permitting provisions; and
• Compensate the affected property owner based on fair market valuation of the acquired ROW in accordance with applicable local, State and federal regulations. (FEIR Mitigation Measure TRF-3).

134. **Fair Share of Cumulative Impacts.** The Developer shall pay a fair share toward cumulative impacts not otherwise captured in existing fee programs, funding sources or in lieu improvements noted above, if such a program is in place at the time of building permit issuance, based on Project contribution percentages identified in Table 4.13-16 of the Butterfield Specific Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (June 3, 2011). (FEIR Mitigation Measure TRF-4).

**IV. PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMIT**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

135. **Alternative Street Accommodations.** If the City of Banning elects not to pursue the Highland Home Road connection to Brookside Avenue, the Project Developer would be required to redistribute traffic via proposed F Street in the Butterfield Specific Plan area which can be accommodated by providing additional turning lanes at the intersections of Highland Springs Avenue/F Street and Highland Home Road/F Street (which are intersections located within the Project boundary).

136. **Model Homes.** Prior to the issuance of building permits, the Developer shall submit a model home plan that shows building elevations, plotting plan(s), and precise grading for review and approval for each phase of development, or per neighborhood, or per each master or merchant builders for review and approval by the Community Development Director as long as the plans conform to the Design Guidelines depicted in the Specific Plan. Subsequent minor technical change/adjustment after approval of the model homes and plotting is subject to an additional approval of the Community Development Director. If Owner would like to propose architecture that is not depicted in or consistent with the Design Guidelines, the approval will be subject to both Planning Director and Planning Commission Approval.

137. **Landscaping.** Prior to issuance of building permits, the Developer shall submit and obtain approval of three (3) copies of construction level Landscape and Irrigation Plans to the Community Development Department accompanied by the appropriate trust deposit. The plans shall be prepared by a registered landscape architect and include the location, number, genus species, and container size of the plants. Plants shall be consistent with the Banning Municipal Code. The cover page shall identify the total square footage of the landscaped area and note that it shall be maintained in accordance with the City Code. Water efficient fixtures and drought tolerant plants shall be utilized where possible. Required landscape areas specific to this Project
include front yards of all lots; side yards of corner lots; streetscapes on the Project side for Highland Springs Avenue, Wilson Street, and Highland Home Road; landscaping of slopes and entry theme walls; streetscapes for both sides of all in-tract roadways; and landscaping of all lettered lots including the detention basin, and all drainage channels which include Smith Creek and Pershing Channel.

138. **Walls & Fences.** Prior to issuance of building permits, the Developer shall submit and obtain approval from the Community Development Department of block wall or vinyl fence plans. These plans shall be consistent with intent of the Butterfield Specific Plan.

139. **Disclosure Statement.** The Developer, property owner or successor in interest shall submit the disclosure statement for review and approval by the City Attorney prior to the issuance of building permit for the first home within the Specific Plan. (See also Condition No. 19)

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

140. **Sewer Capacity.** No building permits shall be issued unless the Public Works Director or designee determines that all on- and off – site sewer and water facilities exist with sufficient capacity necessary and reliably to serve the proposed construction are available or will be constructed as a part of the Project, and will continue to be available during the life of the Project.

141. **Undergrounding Utilities.** All utility systems including gas, electric, telephone, water, sewer, and cable TV shall be provided for underground, with easements provided as required, and designed and constructed in accordance with City codes and the requirements of the utility provider. Telephone, cable TV, and/or security systems shall be pre-wired. All necessary easements shall be dedicated and granted to the necessary party with evidence provided to City.

142. **Rough & Precise Grading Plans.** Rough and precise grading plans shall be submitted to the City Engineer for review and approval. Precise grading plans shall include perimeter walls with top of wall and top of footing elevations shown. All footings shall have a minimum of 1-foot of cover, and/or sufficient cover to clear any obstructions.

143. **Lot Pad Certification.** The Developer shall provide to the City Engineer a lot pad certification stamped and signed by a qualified civil engineer or land surveyor. Each pad certification shall list the pad elevation as shown on the approved grading plan, the actual pad elevation and the difference between the two, if any. Such pad certification shall also list the relative compaction of the pad soil.

144. **Water Conservation Plan.** The Developer shall prepare a water conservation plan to reduce water consumption in the landscape environment in compliance with the City of Banning’s landscape standards in the Municipal Code and all applicable current city and state codes, using xeriscape principles. "Xeriscape” shall mean a combination of landscape features and techniques that in the aggregate reduce the demand for and consumption of water, including appropriate low water using plants, non-living ground-cover, a low percentage of turf coverage (limited to 25% of the planted area), permeable paving and water conserving irrigation techniques and systems. A low water-using drought tolerant plant includes species suited to our climate, requiring less water in order to grow well.
145. **Fire Hydrants.** Fire hydrants shall be installed within and on the Project boundaries as per the approval plans, at a 250’ maximum spacing.

146. **Fire Flow Calculations.** The Developer shall provide fire flow calculations for the Project to the City and construct the necessary facilities to meet those flows for the Project to the satisfaction of that Director.

147. **Water Connection Fees.** Developer shall pay the current required Water Connection Fees. Fees shall be paid per EDU (EDU is based upon meter size required). Sewer Connection Fees shall be paid per EDU (EDU is based upon the estimated quality and quantity of discharge), and payment of current required Water Meter Installation Charges for each building pad in accordance with the fee schedule in effect at the time the fees are paid and the Development Agreement. Also, Developer shall pay all current water and sewer frontage fees and recycled/irrigation water fees, if applicable, and in accordance with the fee schedule in effect at the time the fees are submitted and the Development Agreement.

**ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

148. **Permit Fees.** Developer shall pay current required fees - electrical permit, plan check fee, inspection fees, meter fee and cost of electrical apparatus for completing the underground line extension in accordance with the city policies and the Development Agreement.

149. **Electricity Easements.** Developer shall dedicate all easements for electric facilities installation/maintenance, etc.

150. **Electric Utility Infrastructure.** Electric Utility Infrastructure for each Phase in accordance with the Phasing Plan in the Development Agreement. The dedication shall be in a form approved by the City Attorney. Prior to the issuance of building permit, electric utility infrastructure (conduits, vaults, etc.) must be completed as well any temporary or permanent electric infrastructure to supply power to each phase as constructed.

**V. PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY.**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

151. **Form of Plans.** The Developer shall furnish the City with reproducible record drawings on Mylar of all improvement plans that were approved by the City Engineer..

152. **Damaged Improvements.** Any public improvements damaged during the course of construction shall be replaced to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, or his/her designee.

153. **Testing.** All required public improvements for the Project shall be completed, tested, and approved by the Engineering Division.

154. **Landscape Sprinklers.** Automatic sprinkler systems and landscaping shall be installed within the street parkways. The systems shall include landscape controllers, separate water meters, and
electric meters, and plantings as approved by the Community Development Director. Landscaping plans and specifications shall be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer.

155. **Landscaping.** Landscape improvements shall be certified by a licensed landscape architect or licensed landscape contractor as having been installed in accordance with the approved detailed plans and specifications. The Developer shall furnish said certification, including an irrigation management report, for each landscape irrigation system and any other required implementation report determined applicable, to the City Engineer for review and approval.

156. **Street Signs.** Street name signs and traffic control devices including traffic legends and traffic striping shall be installed, or relocated in accordance with Caltrans Standards and as shown on the approved plans, and/or as directed by the City Engineer.

157. **Intersection Improvements.** Developer shall construct required intersection improvements including traffic signals. The Developer may request a Reimbursement Agreement for the design and construction of the improvements in this condition. The Reimbursement Agreement is subject to prior review and approval by the City Attorney. The Developer shall bear the cost of the review.

158. **Monuments.** Monuments and center line ties shall be certified and submitted to the City Engineer for review and approval.

**ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

159. **Electric Utility Materials.** The Developer shall provide install all conduits, vaults, and other materials associated with electric facility installations (except cables and their terminations).

160. **Streetlights.** The Developer shall install, complete and test streetlight poles and conduits.

161. **Secondary Service Entrance Conductors.** Secondary service entrance conductors to be provided and installed by the Developer. The Developer shall install, complete and test secondary service entrance conductors.

162. **Completion of Electric Utility Infrastructure prior to Issuance of Certificate of Occupancy.** Prior to the issuance of certificate of occupancy, the Developer, owner, or successor in interest shall install, complete and test all electric utility infrastructure including primary and secondary cabling, transformers, etc.

163. **Cost of Electrical Line in Aid of Construction.** Prior to the issuance of certificate of occupancy, the Developer, owner, or successor in interests shall pay the required cost of electrical line extension and in aid of construction for the particular phase under construction.
CITY OF BANNING FIRE SERVICES
STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
As amended for the proposed Pardee Project locate at Highland Springs/West Wilson Street

The following are the minimum Banning Fire Marshal’s office requirements. These requirements will satisfy for the Club House, Commercial Occupancies, and Park Buildings for this Project. There may be additional requirements when the Project specifics are defined and the final proposal is submitted for approval.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DEVELOPER FEES:

Fees are increased annually and may be different at the time of construction. The current fee schedules at this time are as follows:

- Commercial, Industrial and/or Office Complex –
  - $579.00 for 50,000 square feet or less
  - $ 25.00 per unit Disaster Planning
- Plan Check and Inspection - $ 134.00 per hour

If fees changed, the Developer shall pay the fees that are effective at that time.

CITY OF BANNING BUSINESS LICENSE AND PROOF OF INSURANCE:

All contractors, subcontractors etc. are required to obtain a City of Banning Business license prior to submitting plans or starting construction.

CODE COMPLIANCE:

All Plans, Specifications and Construction shall comply with and conform to the current edition of the California Fire Code (CFC), California Building Code (CBC), and other state and local laws and ordinances as applicable.

PLAN SUBMITTAL:

Three (3) sets of Plans and Specifications shall be submitted for review prior to obtaining a permit. This requirement applies to all work regardless of the size of the job; new construction or remodel.

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS REQUIRED:

Fire Sprinkler Systems shall be installed as required by the CFC or in any and all structures that are thirty six hundred (3,600) sq. ft. or more, or if the applicable codes require a more restrictive system.

With the adoption of the 2010 codes, all residential homes shall be protected with fire sprinkler systems.

SPRINKLER AND ALARM SYSTEMS:
Three (3) sets of plans and calculations, including three (3) sets of manufacturer’s hardware specifications, shall be submitted to a State Certified Fire Protection Engineering Firm, designated by the Fire Marshal, for review for compliance with recognized codes and standards.

SPRINKLER AND ALARM SYSTEM FEE SCHEDULE:

Inspections - Fire Department: per the current rate per hour, per person. (One-hour minimum)
Additional fees as charged by the designated Fire Protection Engineering Firm.

Plan Checks - Fire Department: per the current rate per hour, per person. (One-hour minimum)
Additional fees as charged by the designated Fire Protection Engineering Firm.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM UNDERGROUND:

No fire sprinkler work shall be started prior to issuance of the permit.

The minimum size for water supply to the base of the riser shall be six (6) inches for commercial systems.

An approved AWWA double check detector check assembly, as approved by the C.O.B Water Department located as close to the property line as possible, and a minimum of twelve (12) inches above the ground shall be provided.

The Water Department shall approve all plans involving water main service.

FIRE HYDRANTS:

Prior to construction or renovation, fire hydrants shall be provided when any portion of any structure exceeds 150 feet from a water supply on a public street.

All hydrants must be installed, working and inspected by the Public Works Department and the Banning Fire Marshal’s office before any combustible materials can be placed at the worksite.

Spacing of fire hydrants shall comply with CFC Appendix C and the City of Banning Public Works Standards. (Maximum 250 feet between hydrants)

Minimum 6-inch riser, street valve, approved shear valve and blue dot identification marker shall be provided for each fire hydrant.

The City standard fire hydrant is the Commercial, James Jones #J3765, Residential, James Jones #J3700, or an equivalent approved by the Fire Marshal.
Fire Hydrants are to be painted by the Developer, contractor, etc., prior to the final inspection. (EOS Standard W714) Rustoleum Red, damp proof #769 and two (2) coats of Rustoleum semi-gloss yellow #659, or an approved equivalent.

**WATER SUPPLY:**

Fire flow shall be established by the Fire Department using the information provided in the CFC Appendix B. Fire Flow may be adjusted upward where conditions indicate an unusual susceptibility to fire. (1000 gallons/minute for 2 hours)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS:**

Fire department access shall be required when any portion of the first story of any structure is more than 150 feet from Fire Department apparatus access.

Minimum clearances or widths may be increased when the minimum standards are not adequate for Fire Department access.

Surfaces shall be designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of fire apparatus (75,000gvw). Surfaces shall have all-weather driving capabilities, including bridges. All roads must be place and meet the above standard before any combustible materials can be delivered to the site.

Minimum unobstructed width shall be 20 feet.

Minimum unobstructed vertical clearance shall not be less than 13 feet 6 inches.

Minimum turning radius shall be 42 feet.

All dead-end access roads in excess of 150 feet shall have approved provisions for turning around of fire apparatus.

Maximum grade shall be established by the Banning Fire Marshal’s office.

Vehicles shall not be parked or otherwise obstruct the required width of any fire apparatus access.

Two means of ingress/egress shall be provided for emergency vehicles and fire apparatus. Surfaces shall have all-weather driving capabilities, including bridges. All roads must be place and meet the above standard before any combustible materials can be delivered to the site, and approved by the Banning Fire Marshal’s office. See Secondary Access Plans as depicted Exhibit 3.3D, *Secondary Access Drives*, in the approved Butterfield Specific Plan.

The requirements for this segment are covered in CFC Chapter 5.
A “Knox” box will be required for fire department access and location approved by the Banning Fire Marshal’s office.

**PREMISES IDENTIFICATION:**

Approved numbers or addresses shall be placed on all new and existing buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property. Said numbers shall contrast with their background.

Commercial - 6” mm. Size

**INSPECTIONS:**

Inspections shall be requested a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time the required inspection is needed.

The current fee for each inspection is $134.00 per hour per person, (One-hour minimum). If fees changed, the Developer shall pay the fees that are effective at that time.

Work begun without a permit or without an approved set of plans at the job site will result in a triple fee and/or the work stopped.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:**

The storage, dispensing, use or handling of hazardous materials shall be in accordance with the provisions of CFC Chapter 27 and CBC in addition to all federal, state and local laws or ordinances.

Business Plans may be required per SB 2186 and 2187 including MSDS, HMMP and RMPP.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

If there are no existing fire hydrants within 150 feet of the proposed building, then there will be a requirement for the installation of two commercial grade hydrants as described above. If a hydrant then only one additional hydrant will be required.

A fire alarm system, designed to NFPA 72 standards, will be required.

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ATTACHMENT 4

Planning Commission Resolution No. 2012-05
And Development Agreement (Exhibit A)
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

between

THE CITY OF BANNING

(“City”) 

and

PARDEE HOMES

A California Corporation

(“Developer”)
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

THIS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is entered into on ______________, 2012, between the CITY OF BANNING (the “City”), a municipal corporation, and PARDEE HOMES (the “Developer”), a California corporation, pursuant to Article 2.5 of Chapter 4 of Division 1 of Title 7, §§ 65864 through 65869.5 of the Government Code. The City and the Developer shall be referred to within this Agreement jointly as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party.”

RECITALS:

A. **Capitalized Terms.** The capitalized terms used in these Recitals and throughout this Agreement shall have the meaning assigned to them in Section 1. Any capitalized terms not defined in Section 1 shall have the meaning otherwise assigned to them in this Agreement or apparent from the context in which they are used.

B. **Development of the Developer’s Property.** Concurrent with the approval of this Agreement, the City has approved the Specific Plan, which contemplates low, medium and high density residential development, to a maximum total of 5,387 dwelling units, 36 acres of commercial/retail development, schools, parks and supporting infrastructure on 1,543 acres, and a general plan amendment and a zone change and has certified a Final Environmental Impact Report, State Clearinghouse No. 2007091149, for the area described in Exhibit “A” (the “Developer’s Property”).

C. **Legislation Authorizing Development Agreements.** To strengthen the public planning process, encourage private participation in comprehensive planning and reduce the economic risk of development, the Legislature of the State of California adopted the Development Agreement Statute, authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with any person having a legal or equitable interest in real property providing for the development of such property and establishing certain development rights therein. The legislative findings and declarations underlying the Development Agreement Statute and the provisions governing contents of development agreements state, in Government Code §§ 65864(c) and 65865.2, that the lack of public facilities, including, but not limited to, streets, sewerage, transportation, drinking water, school, and utility facilities is a serious impediment to the development of new housing, and that applicants and local governments may include provisions in development agreements relating to applicant financing of necessary public facilities and subsequent reimbursement over time.

D. **Intent of the Parties.** The Developer and the City have determined that the Project is a development for which a development agreement is appropriate. The Parties desire to define the parameters within which the obligations of the Developer for infrastructure and public improvements and facilities will be met and to provide for the orderly development of the Developer’s Property, assist in attaining the most effective utilization of resources within the City and otherwise achieve the goals of the Development Agreement Statute. In consideration of these benefits to the City and the public benefits of the development of the Developer’s Property, the Developer will receive assurances that the City shall grant all permits and approvals required
for total development of the Developer’s Property and will provide for the assistance called for in this Agreement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

E. **Public Benefits of the Project.** This Agreement provides assurances that the public benefits identified below in this Recital E will be achieved in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Project will provide local and regional public benefits to the City, including, without limitation:

1. **Increased Tax Revenues.** The development of the Developer’s Property in accordance with the terms of this Agreement will result in increased real property and sales taxes and other revenues to the City.

2. **Reduced Vehicle Miles Travelled.** The Project will reduce vehicle trips by implementing a transportation demand management program that takes advantage of alternative modes of mass transit within the City.

3. **Pedestrian Mobility.** The Project encourages pedestrian mobility through the provision of walking paths, through signage guiding pedestrians to nearby destinations and through preservation of significant open space to create pleasant environments that will encourage walking.

4. **Sustainable Design.** The Developer will, to the extent reasonably feasible, include sustainable design for commercial and industrial uses and green building standards for residential construction.

5. **Pedestrian Connection.** The Project will include a series of public pedestrian trails throughout the Developer’s Property.

6. **Reduced Traffic Congestion.** The Project will include improvements and contribute fees to improvements that will reduce congestion on local streets and the regional transportation network.

7. **Public Schools.** The Project will allow for the construction of elementary schools in both the Beaumont Unified School District and Banning Unified School District, which will benefit residents both within and outside the Project.

8. **Natural Open Space.** Over 56 acres of natural open space will be preserved in perpetuity.

9. **Parks and Recreation.** Park and recreation improvements include:
   a. 58.5 acres of community and neighborhood parks
   b. 8.0 acres devoted to private recreation centers.
   c. 254 acres of public golf course or active open space amenity
   d. 108.4 acres of other open space.
10. **Financial Impact Mitigation.** Based upon a study of financial impacts on the City, the Project will pay a Services Special Tax to alleviate negative financial impacts of the Project on the City.

F. **Public Hearings: Findings.** In accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000, et seq. (“CEQA”)), appropriate studies, analyses, reports and documents were prepared and considered by the Planning Commission and the City Council. The Planning Commission, after a public hearing on ______________, 2012, recommended, and the City Council, after making appropriate findings, certified, by Resolution No. __________ adopted on __________, 2012 a Final Environmental Impact Report for the Project, more specifically identified as the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Butterfield Specific Plan, State Clearinghouse No. 2007091149, as having been prepared in compliance with CEQA. On ______________, 2012, the Planning Commission, after giving notice pursuant to Government Code §§ 65090, 65091, 65092 and 65094, held a public hearing on the Developer’s application for this Agreement. On __________, 2012, the City Council, after providing the public notice required by law, held a public hearing to consider the Developer’s application for this Agreement. The Planning Commission and the City Council have found on the basis of substantial evidence that this Agreement is consistent with all applicable plans, rules, regulations and official policies of the City.

G. **Mutual Agreement.** Based on the foregoing and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, Developer and City desire to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, and having determined that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and should be, and hereby are, incorporated into this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS**

The following words and phrases are used as defined terms throughout this Agreement. Each defined term shall have the meaning set forth below.

1.1 **Acquisition Agreement.** “Acquisition Agreement” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.1 below.

1.2 **Anniversary Date.** “Anniversary Date means the date of the anniversary of each year following the Effective Date established in Section 3.5.


1.4 **Applications.** “Application(s)” means a complete application for the applicable land use approvals (such as a subdivision map, conditional use permit, etc.) meeting all of the current ordinances of the City provided that any additional or alternate requirements in those ordinances enacted after the Effective Date which affect the Project application shall apply only to the extent permitted by this Agreement.
1.5 **Appraisal of Land Value.** “Appraisal of Land Value” when referred to herein shall mean the determination by an experienced and independent MAI appraiser retained by City (Developer may veto any appraiser selected by City for good cause), in a written appraisal at fair market value based upon comparable sales of unimproved land, and serviced by the existing infrastructure, and with the development restrictions of the Specific Plan, and with the understanding that such value shall not exceed $80,000 per acre.

1.6 **Assignment.** “Assign” shall have the meaning set forth in § 14.1.1 below. All forms of use of the verb “assign” and the nouns “assignment” and “assignee” shall include all contexts of hypothecations, sales, conveyances, transfers, leases, and assignments.

1.7 **Authorizing Ordinance.** “Authorizing Ordinance” means Ordinance No. ________ approving this Agreement.

1.8 **Building Permit.** “Building Permit,” with respect to any building or structure to be constructed on the Developer’s Property, means a building permit for not less than the shell and core of such building or structure issued by the City’s Division of Building and Safety.

1.9 **CC&R’s.** “CC&R’s” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 14.4 below.

1.10 **Certificate of Compliance.** “Certificate of Compliance” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12.2 below.

1.11 **Certificate of Occupancy.** “Certificate of Occupancy,” with respect to a particular building or other work of improvement, means the final certificate of occupancy issued by the City with respect to such building or other work of improvement.

1.12 **CFD.** “CFD” means a community facilities district for the Project allowed to be formed pursuant to the CFD Act by a Local Agency.

1.13 **CFD Act.** “CFD Act” means the Mello Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 (Government Code § 53311 et seq.), as it may be amended from time to time, authorizing the imposition of special taxes to fund capital facilities and services.

1.14 **City.** “City” means the City of Banning, California.

1.15 **City Council.** The “City Council” means the governing body of the City.

1.16 **City Development Agreement Ordinance.** “City Development Agreement Ordinance” means Chapter 17.60 of the Zoning Ordinance which establishes a procedure for the consideration and approval of development agreements pursuant to the Development Agreement Statute.

1.17 **City Manager.** “City Manager” means the City Manager of City.
1.18 **City Wide Traffic Improvements.** “City Wide Traffic Improvements” means those traffic improvements identified in the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee established in Article 7.

1.19 **Claims or Litigation.** “Claims or Litigation” means any challenge by adjacent owners or any other third parties (i) to the legality, validity or adequacy of the General Plan, Land Use Regulations, this Agreement, Development Approvals or other actions of the City pertaining to the Project, or (ii) seeking damages against the City as a consequence of the foregoing actions, for the taking or diminution in value of their property or for any other reason.

1.20 **Dedicate or Dedication.** “Dedicate” or “Dedication” means to offer the subject land to the City.

1.21 **Default.** “Default” refers to any material default, breach, or violation of a provision of this Development Agreement as defined in Section 13 below. “City Default” refers to a Default by the City, while “Developer Default” refers to a Default by the Developer.

1.22 **Developed Property.** “Developed Property” shall mean residential property for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued or a final inspection conducted.

1.23 **Development Goals.** “Development Goals” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.2 below.

1.24 **Developer’s Property.** “Developer’s Property” means the 1543 acres of land, more or less, described in Exhibit A in which Developer holds a legal or equitable interest and upon which the Project will be developed.

1.25 **Development.** “Development” means the improvement of the Developer’s Property for purposes of effecting the structures, improvements and facilities composing the Project including, without limitation: grading, the construction of infrastructure and public facilities related to the Project, whether located within or outside the Developer’s Property; the construction of structures and buildings; the installation of landscaping; and the operation, use and occupancy of, and the right to maintain, repair, or reconstruct, any private building, structure, improvement or facility after the construction and completion thereof, provided that such repair, or reconstruction takes place during the Term of this Agreement on parcels subject to this Agreement.

1.26 **Development Agreement Statute.** “Development Agreement Statute” means §§ 65864 through 65869.5 of the Government Code as it exists on the Effective Date.

1.27 **Development Approvals.** “Development Approvals” means all site-specific (meaning specifically applicable to the Developer’s Property only and not generally applicable to some or all other properties within the City) plans, maps, permits, and entitlements to use of every kind and nature. Development Approvals includes, but is not limited to, specific plans, site plans, tentative and final subdivision maps, vesting tentative maps, variances, zoning designations, planned unit developments, conditional use permits, grading, building and other similar permits, the site-specific provisions of general plans, environmental assessments, including environmental impact reports, and any amendments or modifications to those plans,
maps, permits, assessments and entitlements. The term Development Approvals does not include rules, regulations, policies, and other enactments of general application within the City.

1.28 Development Impact Fees. “Development Impact Fees” means the monetary consideration, other than a tax or assessment, charged by the City in connection with mitigating the Project’s specific impacts and the development of the public facilities related to the Development of the Project, including those fees, calculated on the basis of the number of residential units or square footage of non-residential development to be constructed, as set forth on Exhibit “D” attached hereto. Development Impact Fees do not include Processing Fees.


1.30 Director. “Director” means the City’s Director of Community Development or equivalent official.

1.31 Economically Distressed Year. “Economically Distressed Year” means any calendar year in which the number of building permits for single family dwelling units issued in Western Riverside County (includes all cities and unincorporated county territory) are less than 50% of the average number of building permits issued during the prior 25 years, based on the annual report of the California Construction Industry Research Board. For example, for the 25 year period from 1987 to 2011, inclusive, total permits issued were 235,455 and the annual average was 9418. In 2008, 2009, 2010 the total permits issued were 2794, 2717 and 3321, so all three years would have been declared “Economically Distressed” hereunder. If the number of building permits issued in any calendar year are not available from the California Construction Industry Research Board, then the City shall obtain them from any other reliable source measuring the same data over the period.

1.32 Effective Date. “Effective Date” means the date this Agreement becomes effective as set forth in Section 3.5.

1.33 Eligible Facilities. “Eligible Facilities” means the Proposed Project Facilities and other public facilities, fees and contributions for public facilities, as described in the Financing Plan.

1.34 Exaction. “Exaction” means Dedications, payment of Development Impact Fees and/or construction of public infrastructure by the Developer as part of the Development of the Project. The development will be subject to all development and/or in lieu fees currently in the process of being studied by the City as indentified in Section 7.22 so long as they are adopted prior to the issuance of building permits for specific portions of the development proposed herein. The amount of the fees shall be as required at the time of issuance of building permits.

1.35 Existing Development Approvals. “Existing Development Approvals” means only the Development Approvals which are listed on Exhibit “B.”

1.36 Existing Land Use Regulations. “Existing Land Use Regulations” means those Land Use Regulations applicable to the Property in effect on the Effective Date.

1.38 Force Majeure. “Force Majeure” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 19.2 below.

1.39 Future Development Approvals. “Future Development Approvals” means those Development Approvals applicable to the Developer’s Property approved by the City after the Effective Date such as tentative tract maps, subdivision improvement agreements and other more detailed planning or engineering approvals.

1.40 General Plan. “General Plan” means the City’s General Plan as it exists on the Effective Date, and as expressly amended by (i) General Plan Amendment/Zone Changes No. _____ approved by the City Council concurrently with this Agreement; and (ii) future amendments applicable to the Developer’s Property, if permitted, by Article 11.

1.41 Goals and Policies for Financing. “Goals and Policies for Financing” or “Goals and Policies” means the City’s goals and policies adopted in accordance with Section 5.2.1.

1.42 Golf Course/Active Open Space. “Golf Course/Active Open Space” means the area containing all of Planning Area 35 and Planning Area 39 as described in the Specific Plan and Sections 5.3 and 5.9.10 below.

1.43 Grading Permit. “Grading Permit” means a permit issued by the City’s Division of Building and Safety which allows the excavation or filling, or any combination thereof, of earth.

1.44 Improvement Area. “Improvement Area” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.1 below.

1.45 Innocent Owner. “Innocent Owner” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 13.6 below.

1.46 LAFCO. “LAFCO” means the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission.

1.47 Land Use Regulations. “Land Use Regulations” means those ordinances, laws, statutes, rules, regulations, initiatives, policies, requirements, guidelines, constraints, codes or other actions of the City which affect, govern, or apply to the Developer’s Property or the implementation of the Development Plan. Land Use Regulations include the ordinances and regulations adopted by the City which govern permitted uses of land, density and intensity of use and the design of buildings, applicable to the Property, including, but not limited to, the General Plan, the Specific Plan, zoning ordinances, development moratoria, implementing growth management and phased development programs, ordinances establishing development exactions, subdivision and park codes, any other similar or related codes and building and improvements standards, mitigation measures required in order to lessen or compensate for the adverse impacts of a project on the environment and other public interests and concerns or similar matters. The term Land Use Regulations does not include, however, regulations relating
to the conduct of business, professions, and occupations generally; taxes and assessments; regulations for the control and abatement of nuisances; building codes; encroachment and other permits and the conveyances of rights and interests which provide for the use of or entry upon public property; any exercise of the power of eminent domain; or similar matters.

1.48 **Legal or Equitable Interest.** “Legal or Equitable Interest” means (i) an option or purchase agreement or (ii) fee title evidenced by appropriate title insurance issued in favor of the Developer.

1.49 **LMD.** “LMD” means the Landscape and Maintenance District established pursuant to Streets and Highways Code § 22500 et seq. to fund parks, parkways, City rights of way landscaping and common areas.

1.50 **Local Agency.** “Local Agency” means any public agency authorized to levy, create or issue any form of land secured financing over all or any part of the Project, including, but not limited to, the City.

1.51 **Lot.** “Lot” means any of the parcels legally created within the Project as a result of any approved final subdivision, parcel or tract map, pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act or recordation of a condominium plan pursuant to Civil Code § 1352.

1.52 **Master Tract Map.** “Master Tract Map” (or “A Map”) means a large scale tract map covering one or more complete Planning Areas which will include all infrastructure necessary to develop the tract and a phasing plan as to the development of the infrastructure and the subsidiary subdivisions within the tract. The Master Tract Map is a subdivision map within the meaning of the Subdivision Map Act and shall meet the requirements of the Act and of this Agreement. The Master Tract Map may also be a financing map for purpose of financing the development of the Project or the conveyance of large lots and may not require the actual construction of improvements.

1.53 **Mortgage.** “Mortgage” means a mortgage, deed of trust, sale and leaseback arrangement or other transaction in which all, or any portion of, or any interest in, the Developer’s Property is pledged as security.

1.54 **Mortgagee.** “Mortgagee” refers to the holder of a beneficial interest under a Mortgage.

1.55 **Mortgagee Successor.** “Mortgagee Successor” means a Mortgagee or any third party who acquires fee title or any rights or interest in, or with respect to, the Developer’s Property, or any portion thereof, through foreclosure, trustee’s sale, deed in lieu of foreclosure, lease termination, or otherwise from, or through, a Mortgagee. If a Mortgagee acquires fee title or any right or interest in, or with respect to, the Developer’s Property, or any portion thereof, through foreclosure, trustee’s sale or by deed in lieu of foreclosure and such Mortgagee subsequently conveys fee title to such portion of the Developer’s Property to a third party, then such third party shall be deemed a Mortgagee Successor.
1.56  Municipal Code. “Municipal Code” means the City’s Municipal Code as it existed on the Effective Date and as it may be amended from time to time consistent with the terms of this Agreement.

1.57  Non-Defaulting Party. “Non-Defaulting Party” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 13.1 below.

1.58  Owner. “Owner” means Pardee Homes and any successors during the period of time that each such person or entity owns fee title to any portion of the Developer’s Property prior to the development of such portion of the developer’s Property and subject to the terms of this Agreement.

1.59  Park fees. “Park Fees” means Development Impact Fees levied by the City for Open Space and Park Development pursuant to Chapter 15.68 of the Municipal Code.

1.60  Phase. “Phase” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.2 below.

1.61  Phasing Plans. “Phasing Plans” shall mean the detailed plans for development of the backbone and other infrastructure and for the Project which are developed pursuant to Section 6.5 as a part of processing the Subdivision Maps.

1.62  Planning Area. “Planning Area” means each of the 75 planning areas described in the Specific Plan, and shown on Exhibit “A.”


1.64  Pre-Qualified Buyer. “Pre-Qualified Buyer” means a publicly traded builder or developer or a privately held merchant builder with a minimum net financial worth of Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) who has constructed at least 75 homes in California during the preceding five year period.

1.65  Property Owner’s Association or POA. “Property Owner’s Association” or “POA” means one or more association formed among the owners of real estate located within the Property (as the same may be subdivided from time to time), including, but not limited to, one or more associations of homeowners and/or other associations of owners of industrial, commercial, educational and retail property.

1.66  Processing Fees. “Processing Fees” means (i) the City’s normal fees for processing, environmental assessment/review, tentative tracts/parcel map review, plan checking, site review, site approval, administrative review, building permit (plumbing, mechanical, electrical, building), inspection and similar fees imposed to recover the City’s costs associated with processing, review and inspection of applications, plans, specifications, etc., and (ii) fees and charges levied by any other public agency, utility, district or joint powers authority, whether or not City is a member of such body or such fees are collected by the City, and whether or not such fees are used for maintenance or capital outlay purposes.
1.67 Project. “Project” means the Development of the Developer’s Property, pursuant to this Agreement and the Existing Land Use Regulations, as depicted on Exhibit “B” attached hereto.


1.69 Reimburse or Reimbursement. “Reimburse” or “Reimbursement” means the provision by the City of cash or credit in return for land, goods or services provided by Pardee Homes.

1.70 Reservations of Authority. “Reservation of Authority” shall have the meaning set forth in Article 11 below.

1.71 Services Special Tax. “Services Special Tax” shall mean the special tax authorized to be levied by the CFD(s) established over the Developer’s Property to alleviate the negative fiscal impact of the Project on City services as established by the Fiscal Impact Analysis (“FIA”) and as further described in Section 5.3 below.

1.72 Specific Plan. “Specific Plan” means the Butterfield Specific Plan, prepared by RBF Consulting and approved by the City Council by Ordinance No. __________, adopted on __________, 2012.

1.73 Subdivision Map. “Subdivision Map” (or “B Map”) means the subsidiary subdivision maps for the development of any Tract which shall be consistent with the conditions of the Master Tract Map and shall contain its own phasing plan for the installation of the infrastructure and other improvements within the subdivision. All subdivision maps shall meet the requirements of the Subdivision Map Act including § 66473.7 (See 65867.5).


1.75 Taxes. “Taxes” means general or special taxes, including but not limited to ad valorem property taxes, sales taxes, transient occupancy taxes, utility taxes or business taxes of general applicability citywide which do not burden the Developer’s Property disproportionately to similar types of development in the City and which are not imposed as a condition of approval of a development project. Taxes do not include Development Impact Fees, Processing Fees or Traffic Control Facility Fees.

1.76 Ten or 10th Year Anniversary Review. “Ten Year Anniversary Review” means the review performed upon each 10th anniversary of the Effective Date as provided in Section 6.6.

1.77 Term. “Term” means that period of time during which this Agreement shall be in effect and bind the Parties, as defined in Article 6.7 below.

1.78 Traffic Control Facility Fee. “Traffic Control Facility Fee” means the fee set forth in Exhibit “F” attached hereto.
Transfer. “Transfer” shall have the meaning set forth in Article 14 below.

Trigger Percentages. “Trigger Percentages” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 14.1.1 below.

TUMF. “TUMF” means the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee promulgated by the Western Riverside Council of Governments and implemented by Chapter 15.76 of the Municipal Code.

Zoning Code. “Zoning Code” means Title 17 of the Municipal Code as it existed on the Effective Date except (i) as amended by any zone change relating to the Developer’s Property approved concurrently with the approval of this Agreement, and (ii) as the same may be further amended from time to time consistent with this Agreement.

2. EXHIBITS.

The following are the Exhibits to this Agreement:

Exhibit “A”: Map and Legal Description of the Developer’s Property
Exhibit “B”: Existing Development Approvals/Fee Studies
Exhibit “C”: Estoppel Certificate
Exhibit “D”: Development Impact Fees
Exhibit “E”: Additional Agreements Concerning Development
Exhibit “F”: Proposed Project Facilities
Exhibit “G”: Highland Springs Avenue Improvements
Exhibit “H”: Butterfield Project Financing Plan

3. TERM.

3.1 Term. The term of this Development Agreement (the “Term”) shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of forty (40) years, subject to review, as called for in Section 6.2 below, to determine whether the Development Goals have been met, and reduction in the Term of five (5) years for each time the Development Goals of a Phase are not met and extensions for Economic Distress, as provided in Sections 6.6.5 and 6.7 below.

3.2 Termination Upon Completion of Construction. This Agreement shall terminate with respect to any Lot, and such Lot shall be released and no longer subject to this Agreement, without the execution or recordation of any further document, when a certificate of
occupancy has been issued for the last building on the Lot or, if no certificate is issued, when the final inspection for the last building on the Lot has taken place.

3.3 **Termination for Default.** This Agreement may be terminated due to the occurrence of any default in accordance with the procedures in Article 13.

3.4 **Extension of the Term:** The Term shall be extended by one (1) year for each Economically Distressed Year occurring during any Phase up to a maximum of three (3) years for any Phase.

3.5 **Effective Date.** This Agreement shall become effective upon the date thirty (30) days after the adoption of the Authorizing Ordinance if no Claim or Litigation have been filed which would prevent the Authorizing Ordinance from taking effect. If such a Claim or Litigation has been filed, then the Effective Date shall be the date that the Claim or Litigation has been successfully resolved in the City’s favor, and the time for any further judicial review has run, so that the Authorizing Ordinance shall be effective. The City shall give Developer notice as to the date established as the Effective Date. The Effective Date is not otherwise tolled for any other Force Majeure as described in Section 19.2.

4. **DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPER’S PROPERTY.**

4.1 **Right to Develop.** During the Term, the Developer shall have a vested right to develop the Developer’s Property (subject to Article 11 below) to the full extent permitted by the Development Plan and this Agreement. Except as provided within this Agreement, the Development Plan shall exclusively control the development of the Developer’s Property (including the uses of the Developer’s Property, the density or intensity of use, the maximum height and size of proposed buildings, the provisions for reservation or dedication of land for public purposes and the design, improvement and construction standards and specifications applicable to the Project). The maximum number of residential units authorized to be constructed hereunder and the approximate acreage of commercial development, without regard to any density bonus or incentive or concession for child care pursuant to Government Code §§ 65915 through 65918 or other similar legislation or regulation, is 5,387 units and approximately 36-acres of commercial development. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Developer retains the right to apportion the uses, intensities and densities, between itself and any subsequent Owners, upon the sale, transfer, or assignment of any portion of the Property, so long as such apportionment is consistent with the Existing Land Use Regulations and this Agreement.

4.2 **Right To Future Approvals.** Subject to the City’s exercise of its police power authority as specified in Article 11 below, the Developer shall have a vested right: (i) to receive from the City all future Development approvals for the Developer’s Property that are consistent with, and implement, the Existing Land Use Regulations and this Agreement; (ii) not to have such approvals be conditioned or delayed for reasons which are inconsistent with the Existing Land Use Regulations or this Agreement; and (iii) to Develop the Developer’s Property in a manner consistent with such approvals in accordance with the Existing Land Use Regulations and this Agreement. All future Development Approvals for the Developer’s Property, including without limitation General Plan amendments, zone changes, or parcel maps
or tract maps, shall upon approval by the City, be vested in the same manner as provided in this Agreement for the Existing Land Use Regulations, for the term of this Agreement.

4.3 Existing Development Approvals. Only those items specifically set forth on Exhibit “B” hereto are deemed Existing Development Approvals for purposes of this Agreement. Any approvals not included within Exhibit “B” shall not apply to the Project with the exception of those reservations set forth in Article 11 below.

4.4 Specific Plan. Land use and Development of the Property shall be governed by the Specific Plan and this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Developer shall have the right, but not the obligation, to Develop the Developer’s Property for the uses specified in the Specific Plan at the locations specified in the Specific Plan.

4.5 Priority Of Specific Plan. The City has determined that the Specific Plan is consistent with the General Plan and the Zoning Code. As such, the Specific Plan shall be the primary document governing the use and Development of the Developer’s Property and, in the event of a conflict, shall prevail over any other of the Existing Land Use Regulations except for this Agreement, which prevails over the Specific Plan.

4.6 Later Enacted Measures. This Agreement is a legally binding contract which will supersede any initiative, measure, moratorium, statute, ordinance, or other limitation enacted after the Effective Date, except as provided in Article 11. Any such enactment which affects, restricts, impairs, delays, conditions, or otherwise impacts the implementation of the Development Plan (including the issuance of all necessary Future Project Approvals or permits for the Project) in any way contrary to the terms and intent of this Agreement shall not apply to the Project unless otherwise provided by State law.

4.7 Impact Fee Studies. As provided in Section 7.2, studies for certain Development Impact Fees, listed in Exhibit “D,” will be performed after the Effective Date of this Agreement and shall become a part of the Existing Development Approvals. Additionally, Development Impact Fees are subject to review and adjustment as a part of the 10 Year Anniversary Reviews, in accordance with Section 6.6. The cost of performing the studies may be included in the fees.

5.  FINANCING AND THE CITY’S OBLIGATIONS.

5.1 Formation of CFD(s) and LMDs. Subject to the provisions of this Article 5, some or all of the Eligible Facilities shall be funded through the City’s formation of one or more CFDs and the levy of a special tax of the CFD(s) (the “Facilities Special Tax”) and issuance of bonds secured by the Facilities Special Tax (the “Bonds”) in accordance with the Financing Plan set forth in Exhibit H. Such CFD(s) shall, pursuant to Section 5.3, also be authorized to finance certain City public services costs (incurred as a result of Development of the Developer’s Property) through the levy of a special tax, in the not to exceed amount set forth in the Financing Plan, on each residential unit located within the boundaries of such CFD(s) (the “Services Special Tax”). Additionally, landscape maintenance districts (“LMDs”) may be formed under Section 5.6.
5.1.1. **Procedures for Formation.** The City and the Developer shall cooperate in good faith to form one or more (i) CFDs and/or designate improvement areas therein (the “Improvement Areas”), (ii) LMDs and designate improvement areas therein (also “Improvement Areas”), and (iii) CFDs for the Special Services Tax (collectively referred to herein as the “Financing Districts”), which are consistent with the Financing Plan and which in the aggregate will encompass and encumber the Developer’s Property. Final terms and conditions regarding the formation of the Financing Districts, their boundaries, Improvement Area boundaries, the rate and method of apportionment of the Services Special Taxes and Facilities Special Taxes to be levied in any CFD, LMD and/or Improvement Area (including any tax zones therein), any acquisition or construction agreements related thereto, and the terms of one or more series of Bonds to be issued in conjunction therewith shall be determined jointly by City and the Developer in accordance with the Financing Plan and the City’s Goals and Policies for Financing. In conjunction with the formation of any Financing District, the Developer and the City shall cooperate in good faith to negotiate and finalize any acquisition and funding agreement prior to the formation of the first Financing District addressing the terms of construction, acquisition and financing of any of the Eligible Facilities to be funded by the Financing District (such agreement to be referred to herein as the “Acquisition Agreement”). Developer shall cooperate in the establishment of the levy over Developer’s Property and not exercise any rights of protest.

5.1.2. **Timing of Formation.** Developer shall prepare all studies and submit all documents necessary to form the Financing Districts within one year after the adoption of City’s Goals and Policies for Financing. After Developer has initiated formation of the Financing Districts, City shall form the Financing Districts consistent with the City’s adopted Goals and Policies for Financing and State Law. City shall complete formation proceedings within 180 days after Developer makes the necessary submission. The Developer shall indemnify the City and hold it harmless against Claims or Litigation brought in connection with the formation of the Financing Districts.

5.1.3. **Failure to Form Financing Districts.** If any of the contemplated Financing Districts are not formed through the failure of one Party to perform its obligations pursuant to Section 5.1, the other Party shall have the right, but not the obligation, to terminate this Agreement upon providing 30 days written notice to the Party which has failed to perform prior to the actual termination date.

5.2 **Adoption of Goals and Policies for Financing.** Before the Developer undertakes development of any units the City shall retain a financial advisor and prepare a City-wide policy for undertaking land based CFD and assessment financing. The draft policy will be reviewed with the Developer and the City shall in good faith consider any comments made by the Developer on the draft policy. The goals and policies for Financing shall be adopted within 180 days after the Effective Date and shall be consistent with Exhibit H, including the Financing Parameters described therein. The goals and policies shall be adopted by Council by resolution and thereafter be the Goals and Policies for Financing. The City may amend the Goals and Policies for Financing from time to time, and will be a part of the Existing Land Use Regulations hereunder, but such amendment shall not apply to the Development unless they are consented to by Developer.
5.3 **Services Special Tax.** The final Fiscal Impact Analysis prepared by the City’s consultant, Willdan Financial Services, dated September 16, 2011, (the “FIA”) demonstrates an overall negative fiscal impact on certain City public service costs incurred as a result of Development of the Developer’s Property, including without limitation, the City’s costs for police and fire services. The FIA demonstrates that such negative fiscal impact can fully be mitigated by an annual Services Special Tax, implemented as required by this Section 5.3 and the Financing Plan set forth in Exhibit “H” attached hereto. The annual services Special Tax shall not exceed $115 per dwelling unit of greater than 1820 square feet of habitable area and $92 per dwelling unit of 1820 or less square feet of habitable area in fiscal year 2013-14 and shall increase each fiscal year thereafter by 3%. The Services Special Tax may be levied in perpetuity and shall only be levied by the CFD(s) formed pursuant to Section 5.1 on residential parcels classified as Developed Property, but Developer shall cooperate in the establishment of the levy over Developer’s Property and not exercise any rights of protest.

5.4 **Planning Area 19, 35, 39 and 71 Drainage Facilities.** In the event that the Developer, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines that the Golf Course is financially infeasible, the flood control improvements within Planning Areas 35 and 39 shall be considered Proposed Project Facilities and may be funded through the CFD(s). If this occurs, then portions of the land within Planning Areas 35 and 39 will be dedicated as public open space and the remaining portions dedicated to flood control appurtenances, to be transferred to the City or the Riverside County Flood Control District upon completion of the flood control facilities on such site and shall be improved to the Master Plan Standards of District. Plans for developing the necessary improvements shall be developed as a part of the Phasing Plans pursuant to Section 6.5, but improvements may not be required until the City Engineer determines that development will (i) intrude into the flood plan or (ii) cause the alteration of Smith Creek. The City Engineer may approve temporary improvements until the scale of the portion of the Project completed requires permanent structures. Upon transfer of the portions of the Planning Areas relating to the flood control facilities to the City or District, if the CFD(s) are formed or, as soon thereafter as the CFD(s) are formed, the City shall pay the agreed upon construction costs to the Developer from available CFD Proceeds in accordance with the Financing Plan. (Also see Sections 8.1.3. and 8.2)

5.5 **Reimbursement Agreements.** If, and to the extent that, the Developer constructs or installs any infrastructure and/or facilities that have a capacity or size in excess of that required to serve the Project or to mitigate its impacts, the City shall reimburse the Developer for all costs and expenses incurred by the Developer in constructing such improvements for that portion of the Dedications, public facilities and/or infrastructure that the City, pursuant to this Agreement, may require pursuant to the Existing Land Use Regulations. The City further shall adopt ordinances, including but not limited to those authorized by Government Code § 66485 et seq., as may be required in order to impose a reimbursement obligation on other properties which may be served or benefited by the oversized infrastructure or facilities. The terms of the Reimbursement Agreements shall otherwise be consistent with the City’s forms generally used with all other development projects of over 200 units. Such reimbursement shall be paid to the Developer at the earliest opportunity out, and upon collection, of available fees from benefited developments so long as consistent with City’s other contractual obligations. Repayment shall not extend beyond the Term of this Agreement.
5.6 Landscape Maintenance Districts. The City shall take, and Developer shall support, all steps necessary to establish LMD(s) or other maintenance districts, to fund maintenance of City parks, parkways, City rights of way landscaping, and common areas as provided in Section 5.1. The Developer shall make a deposit to pay the cost for review and approval of all agreements, studies, analysis and actions necessary for the establishment of the LMD(s).

Reimbursement for Pre-Approval Costs. The City shall provide fee credits to the applicable DIFs, as set forth below, for the first 1200 residential units of the Project for which building permits have been issued, or for the residential units developed by the twelfth anniversary of the Effective Date, whichever shall first occur. “Developed” as used herein shall have the same meaning as under Section 6.3. The units eligible for fee credits for reimbursement shall be those of the 1200 which are not eligible for the incentive provided for in Section 6.8. The amount of the credit for each unit for each fee shall be determined by taking the amount of cost to be reimbursed and dividing it by 1200 minus the number of units eligible for the incentive. As an example, if the total amount of the cost to be reimbursed is $227,500 and the number of units eligible for the incentive is 400, then the amount of the credit for each unit after the first 400 within the 12 years following the Effective Date will be $227,500/(1200-400) = $227,500/800 = $284 rounded to the nearest dollar. These fee reimbursements may be included in the subsequent fee studies performed pursuant to Section 7.2.2.

5.6.1.1 A fee credit against updated Sewer Sanitary Fee and Recycled Water Fee of $227,500 or $189.60 per unit, for the Corolillo Study related to the sewer and recycled water master plans.

5.6.1.2 A fee credit against the updated Domestic Water Fee of $1,115,000 or $929.17 per unit for the consultant time related to the preparation of the City’s 2010 Urban Water Management Plan.

5.6.1.3 A fee credit against the proposed revised Traffic Control Facility Fee of $105,000 or $875 per unit, for the consultant time related to the preparation of the Traffic Impact Analysis and related traffic fee prepared documents.

5.6.1.4 A fee credit against the proposed revised Traffic Control Facility Fee of $45,000 or $375 per unit, for the development of Citywide fees related to the Traffic Impact Fees study or other fee studies required as a result of entitlement activities.

5.6.1.5 A fee credit against the proposed revised Traffic Control Facility Fee or other appropriate fee of $550,000 or $462.50 per unit for the consultant time and plan preparation for required studies related to pre-project improvements to Highland Springs near the I-10 freeway.

5.6.1.6 A fee credit against the General Plan Fee of $187,500 or $156.25 per unit for the General Plan Amendment preparation.

5.7 Obligations of Developer Respecting Financing; No Speculation. Except as specifically provided herein, it is expressly understood that the Developer is fully responsible for the cost of the Project and obtaining any necessary construction or long term
financing therefore. The Developer’s Property shall be used solely to support the development of the Project and may not be pledged as security to support financing for any other purpose, in accordance with Article 18.

6. **TIME FOR CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF PROJECT.**

6.1 **Timing of Development.** The Parties acknowledge that the substantial public benefits to be provided by the Developer to the City pursuant to this Agreement are in consideration for, and in reliance upon, assurances that the City will permit Development of the Developer’s Property in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Accordingly, the City shall not attempt to restrict or limit the Development of the Developer’s Property in any manner that would conflict with the provisions of this Agreement. The City acknowledges that the Developer cannot at this time predict the timing or rate at which the Developer’s Property will be Developed. The timing and rate of Development depend on numerous factors such as market demand, interest rates, absorption, completion schedules and other factors, which are not within the control of the developer or the City. In Pardee Construction Co. v. City of Camarillo (1984) 37 Cal.3d 465, the California Supreme Court held that a construction company was not exempt from a city’s growth control ordinance notwithstanding that the construction company and the city had entered into a consent judgment (tantamount to a contract under California law) establishing the company’s vested rights to develop its property in accordance with the zoning. The California Supreme Court reached this result on the basis that the consent judgment failed to address the timing of development. It is the intent of the Parties to avoid the result of the Pardee case by acknowledging and providing in this Agreement that the Developer shall have the vested right to Develop the Developer’s Property in such order and at such rate and at such time as the Developer deems appropriate, but in accordance with the Development Goals and the phasing plans developed in accordance with Section 6.5, and in accordance with other terms hereof or in the Development Approvals related to project phasing and timing. In addition to, and not in limitation of, the foregoing, but except as set forth in the following sentence, it is the intent of the Parties that no City moratorium or other similar limitation relating to the rate or timing of the Development of the Developer’s Property or any portion thereof, whether adopted by initiative, referendum or otherwise, shall apply to the Developer’s Property to the extent that such moratorium, referendum or other similar limitation is in conflict with this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Developer acknowledges that nothing herein is intended or shall be construed as (i) overriding any provision of the Existing Land Use Regulations to the phasing of development of the Project; or (ii) restricting the City from exercising the powers described in Section 11 of this Agreement to regulate development of the Property. Nothing in this Section 6.1 is intended to excuse or release the Developer from any obligation set forth in this Agreement which is required to be performed on or before a specified calendar date or event without regard to whether or not one or more Owners proceeds with any portion of the Project. The City acknowledges that the Project Phasing set forth in the Specific Plan does not require that the Project be Developed in any specific order but, instead, are illustrative of how the Project may be Developed. The Project Phasing instead is controlled by this Agreement.

6.2 **Development Goals.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6.1, the Developer must achieve certain goals and objectives in terms of Project development in order to keep the Agreement in place for the full term contemplated in Section 3.1. The development of
the Project will be reviewed at each Ten Year Anniversary Review. The Development Goals are as follows:
| Phase I (10th Anniversary) | ▪ Development will begin near the corner of Highland Springs and Wilson unless otherwise agreed  
▪ 1,200 Residential Units to be constructed  
▪ Commercial retail development per 6.2.4  
▪ Outlet for Smith Creek and other improvements in Section 6.2.3. |
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6.2.1. **Cumulative Measure of Units.** The Development Goals for each Phase shall be cumulative, e.g., if the Developer has constructed 2000 Residential Units in Phase I and 1000 Residential Units in Phase II, then the Developer will have met the Development Goal for Phase II even though less than 1500 Residential Units were constructed during Phase II.

6.2.2. **More Detailed Phasing Plans Developed.** Within each Phase, as defined above, more detailed phasing plans for each subdivision shall be developed in accordance with Section 6.5, and are subject to the City’s review and approval as conditions of approval of the Tract or Subdivision Map and, as approved, shall become a part of the Existing Approvals.

6.2.3. **Additional Phase I Development.** In addition to the residential unit Development Goals, Phase I shall also include: (i) commercial development as specified in Section 6.2.4, (ii) the outlet for the Smith Creek flood control improvements at Wilson, (iii) the preparation and dedication of the Recreation/Emergency Center site described in Section 8.1.4, (iv) the satellite water treatment plan described in Section 8.3, (v) the water tanks described in Section 8.5; and (vi) such other backbone infrastructure as required by the Specific Plan and the Phasing Plans approved pursuant to Section 6.5. Notwithstanding the specification of timing as provided herein, with the approval of the City Manager, any public improvement required herein may be deferred for good cause.

6.2.4. **Commercial Development.** A minimum 23-acre retail-commercial site at the corner of Highland Springs and Wilson (Planning Area 18) will be prepared as a part of Phase I, and concurrently with the development undertaken pursuant to Section 6.8. Site preparation shall require the grading of the Site, construction of surrounding streets, and bringing all necessary utilities and infrastructure for development. Developer shall also demonstrate a good faith effort undertaken over at least a five (5) year period to market the site for sale or lease to a suitable user. Additionally, Developer shall maintain the potential to expand the site to as much as 88 acres to permit a larger commercial development, provided that such expanded project obtains any necessary entitlements. Developer shall advise City within give (5) years of the Effective Date as to what interest there might be in the expanded project and the parties will mutually agree as to the scope of the project. The timely preparation and attempts to market this
site is required for completion of Phase I and is subject to the same treatment as the residential units (i.e. phasing period can be prolonged for economic distress and the Term of Agreement can be shortened pursuant to Section 6.7). The goal of the City is to locate a significant sales tax generating “big box user” as the major tenant of the project. Accordingly, City retains the right to approve the major tenant in the project (tenants over 75,000 sq. ft), in accordance with the provisions in Article 14 as a transferee by lease or sale.

6.2.5. **Extensions of Phases.** The length of each Phase for the purposes of this Section 6.2 shall be extended by one (1) year for each Economically Distressed Year occurring during the Phase, up to a maximum of three (3) years as provided in Section 6.6.5.

6.3 **Development Goals Satisfied By Commencement of Construction.** The Development Goals for residential units specified above are satisfied if construction has commenced. “Commencement of Construction” of a residential unit means that building plans have been approved, that a building permit has been issued and that construction has commenced on the unit. The unit shall not be counted if the building permit expires without completion of the unit.

6.4 **Public Improvements.** The Parties understand and agree that the Specific Plan identifies the public infrastructure and though it contains phasing concepts, it does not specify precisely the phasing of the construction of public infrastructure. The development phasing will be consistent with the Specific Plan and this Agreement. The City desires that required public infrastructure generally be constructed in the early portion of the applicable phase of the development cycle subject to the guidelines specified below. In consideration of the foregoing, notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the City shall retain the right to condition any Future Approvals to require Developer to dedicate necessary land, pay the development fees specified in Article 7, and/or to construct the required public infrastructure ("Exactions"), at such time as City shall determine in accordance with the process in Section 6.5 and subject to the following conditions:

A. The dedication, payment or construction must be to alleviate an impact caused by the Project or be of benefit to the Project; and

B. The timing of the Exaction should be reasonably related to the phasing of the development of the Project and said public improvements shall be phased to be commensurate with the logical progression of the Project development as well as the reasonable needs of the public and the improvements shall be completed based upon the needs of the general public existing from time to time.

When the Developer is required by this Agreement and/or the Development Plan to construct any public improvements which will be dedicated to the City or any other public agency, upon completion, and if required by applicable laws to do so, the Developer shall perform such work in the same manner and subject to the same construction standards as would be applicable to the City or such other public agency should it have undertaken such construction work. The Developer shall pay prevailing wages as required by law.
6.5 Development of Phasing Plans During Subdivision Map Approvals. The phasing and timing requirements for the construction of all development including public improvements shall generally be in accordance with the Development Approvals and applicable provisions of this Agreement (For example, Sections 6.2, 6.4, 6.5, 7.3, 8.0, etc.). Although the overall timing of Project development remains subject to the Developer’s discretion based on market conditions in accordance with Section 6.1, there is a logical sequence to the development and certain improvements are required to be complete before phases of the Project can be considered complete and ready for occupancy. The Phasing Plan will be developed over time in accordance with the following process:

6.5.1. Master Phase Tract Map. Each Phase shall have a Master Tract Map which shall be submitted for financing and conveyance purposes only and no improvements may be constructed nor shall development be permitted pursuant to such approved Tract Map except through submission and approval of tentative and final Subdivision Maps. Concurrently with processing of the Master Tract Map, all tentative Subdivision Maps for the Tract shall be submitted and processed.

6.5.2. Subdivision Maps. Each Master Tract Map shall designate future subdivisions within the Tract and the order of subdivision development to the extent that the need for development of public infrastructure dictates the logical progression of subdivision development. Each Subdivision Map shall show all infrastructure necessary for the development of the Subdivision. Each subdivision will have a written Phasing Plan approved by the Director and the City Engineer prior to commencement of development of the subdivision specifying when the lots within the subdivision will be developed and when all public infrastructure within the subdivision will be constructed. Generally all streets, lighting, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, parkway landscaping, asphalt concrete paving, traffic signs and stripping, medians, landscaping, drainage facilities, storm drains, water lines, sewer lines, utility lines, trails and other facilities within the subdivision must be completed before release of any occupancy permits within the subdivision. All conditions which require the provision of Backbone Infrastructure and Subdivision Improvements for the area covered by each tentative Subdivision Map must be satisfied, either through performance or through the provision of suitable security, prior to the approval and recordation of the Subdivision Map.

6.5.3. Backbone Infrastructure. Attached as Exhibit “F” is a list of Backbone Infrastructure, including roadways, detention basins, water lines, sewer lines, recycle water lines, utilities, storm drains and drainage facilities, treatment plants, power substations, community parks, community centers, fire stations, and other infrastructure serving area-wide populations. Backbone Infrastructure serves multiple subdivisions, and may need to be constructed in the initial phase of a particular Tract, or even before certain Tracts can be developed. The detailed phasing of construction will be provided through the Master Tract and Subdivision Phasing Plans, and subject to Section 6.4.

6.5.4. Time for Map Submission. The Developer shall submit all Master Tract Maps and concurrently with each Master Tract Map the Subdivision Maps thereof for the City’s review and approval within five (5) years of the Effective Date.
6.6 Ten Year Anniversary Review.

6.6.1. Generally. On or about each Tenth Anniversary of the Effective Date as provided herein, the City shall conduct the Ten Year Anniversary Review” pursuant to the City and the Developer review to shall review the performance of this Agreement, and the development of the Project to see if the Development Goals have been met. The cost of the Annual Review shall be borne by the Developer and the Developer shall pay a reasonable deposit in an amount requested by City to pay for such review.

As part of each Ten Year Anniversary Review, sixty (60) days before each tenth anniversary of this Agreement, the Parties shall mutually meet and outline the review process, including (i) the information needed and formats, (ii) the schedule for performing the review, (iii) indentifying any needed consultants and studies, (iv) the adequacy of current DIFs and any anticipated need for changes, (v) any adjustments to needed public infrastructure, (vi) the estimated deposit needed to pay the City’s costs of performing the review, and (vii) other matters necessary for the review.

The Developer shall deliver to the City all information reasonably requested by City (i) regarding the Developer’s performance under this Agreement demonstrating that the Developer has complied in good faith with the terms of this Agreement and (ii) as required by this Agreement or the Existing Land Use Regulations. The Developer’s submittal shall include a written explanation of any reasons why the Development Goals were or were not met, and any request for the modification of future Development Goals in the next 10 year period, and the reasons therefore.

The Developer shall submit its report on or before the Tenth Anniversary. Thereafter, the Director shall prepare and submit to City Council a written report on the performance of the Project. The Developer’s written response shall be included in the Director’s report. The report and recommendations to Council shall be made within 45 days of the anniversary, and a public hearing shall be held thereon.

6.6.2. Adjustment to DIFs. As provided in Section 7.2.2, all Development Impact Fees are subject to adjustment as part of the Ten Year Anniversary Review provided (i) the adjustment is based on the preparation a suitable analysis by an independent professional consultant experienced in performing such studies demonstrating the basis for the increase, (ii) the study is performed on a City-wide basis and applies to all development projects of 200 or more residential units, (iii) all infrastructure financed is included within the City’s General Plan and capital projects master plan, (iv) the study demonstrates a reasonable nexus to the Project and the fees are proportionate to the benefit received. The Development Impact Fees shall not contain any escalators but the studies justifying the fees may use cost numbers which recognize the ten year horizon of each study.

6.6.3. Parties Can Alter Development Goals Objectives. The Development Goals for the next Ten Year Anniversary Review period as set forth in Section 6.2 may be modified with the mutual agreement of the Parties at the time of the hearing set forth in
Section 6.6.1. Unless the Parties reach agreement for modification, the Development Goals will remain as provided therein.

6.6.4. **No Other Changes to Development Plan.** Other than the Development Impact Fee adjustments provided in Section 6.6.2 which may be unilaterally approved by City subject to performing the required studies, no other changes to the Development Approvals may be made by City without the consent of Developer. Nothing herein shall restrict the City’s reservations of rights under Article 11.

6.6.5. **Extensions Due to Economic Distress.**

6.6.5.1 **Determination of Distress.** As provided in Section 6.2.4, the Phases can be extended up to three (3) years due to the occurrence of an Economically Distressed Year(s). In any year in which Developer believes conditions exist to warrant Declaration of an Economically Distressed Year, within 30 days following the Anniversary Date, Developer shall submit his request therefore. Additionally, in support thereof, Developer shall provide City with a Report including the following: (i) a written analysis of County-wide data supporting the Declaration; (ii) publicly available reports concerning general market conditions affecting home building; (iii) analysis as to how general market conditions have affected the Project including demand, costs and financing; and (iv) forecasts concerning the next three (3) years. The Report is for informational purposes only and City shall not be permitted to disapprove the Declaration of Economic Distress if the data submitted meets the definition in Section 1.31. Within 30 days the City Manager shall review the Declaration and Report and determine if the data supports the declaration of an Economically Distressed Year. The City Manager’s determination is appealable to the Council under Section 13.6.3, but not as a default thereunder.

6.6.5.2 **Effect of Determination on 10-Year Review.** Generally the effect of the declaration of an Economically Distressed Year shall also toll the performance of the 10 Year Anniversary Review. For example, if during any 10 year cycle, two years had been declared Economically Distressed, then the 10 Year Anniversary Review would be performed on or about the Anniversary Date of the 12th year, as otherwise provided in Section 6.6. The City, however, retains the right to elect to perform the DIF adjustments in accordance with Section 6.6.2 on the 10 Year Anniversary, or to defer the studies and do them in accordance with the general 10 Year Anniversary Review performed on the date to which the Phase has been extended due to the extensions for Economically Distressed Years pursuant to Section 6.2.4.

6.7 **Failure to Satisfy Phasing Goals and Objectives.** For reasons stated in Section 6.1, failure to achieve the Development Goals in any ten year period shall not be a default hereunder, but it shall cause the term of the Agreement to be shortened five (5) years. Accordingly, a failure at the first Ten Year Anniversary Review shall cause the term of the Agreement in Section 3.1 to be reduced to 35 years, while a failure at the second review in year 20 (to achieve 3000 units) shall cause the Agreement to be shortened another five (5) years to 30 years (subject to any extension of the Term due to the occurrence of Economically Distressed Years as set forth in Section 3.4), but once the Term has been reduced, the lost time is not reinstated due to production of excess units in later phases.
The termination of this Agreement shall not alter the provisions of the Specific Plan concerning the zoning, density of development or any other regulatory provisions concerning the development of the Project, though the limitations provided in Article 4 on enactment of Future Land Use Regulations would be null and void.

6.8 Developer Incentives for Expedited Development.

6.8.1. Incentive for Early Development. The City wishes to establish new communities in the City and to encourage the early development of the Project, which, in light of current economic conditions, may require economic incentives to be provided to the Developer. Accordingly, the Developer shall be given a credit so that DIFs do not have to be paid for up to 500 residential units, if such units can be developed on or before the production dates in Section 6.8.4.

6.8.2. Conditions for Receipt of Credits. To receive the credits, the units must be developed in accordance with the following conditions: (i) the units must be developed in Planning Areas 1 and 2 provided that for good cause, City may approve initiating development in alternative Planning Areas, (ii) each Tract containing residential units needs to be developed as a single unit with appropriate entry design features including walls, fountains, landscaping, signage and other features approved by City, (iii) the development needs to be undertaken concurrently with the preparation of the commercial site in Planning Area 18 pursuant to Section 6.2.4, unless waived by City.

6.8.3. Fees Eligible for Credit. The DIFs eligible for credit are those identified as eligible in Exhibit “D.”

6.8.4. Schedule. The credit shall be given for all units developed within five (5) years after the Effective Date, as described in Section 6.3.

6.9 City Provided Assistance. The City shall provide the Developer with each of the items set forth in Exhibit “E.”

7. FEES, TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

7.1 Processing Fees. During the Term of this Agreement, the City may require the Developer to pay all Processing Fees applicable to the Development of the Project at the rates in effect on the applicable application date or as described in this Agreement unless a specific amount is stated herein.

7.2 Development Impact Fees.

7.2.1. Limit on Exactions, Mitigation Measures, Conditions and Development Fees. Except for those fees expressly set forth in Sections 7.3 and 7.5 below, and for the reservations of authority in Article 11, the City shall charge and impose only those Exactions, mitigation measures and conditions, including, without limitation, dedications as are set forth in the Existing Land Use Regulations, and those fees relating to the Development of the Developer’s Property as are expressly set forth in Exhibit “D” attached hereto, and no others. Per Section 7.4 below, Park Fees shall not be imposed during the life of this Agreement.
Developer shall pay the stated amount of all other fees shown in Exhibit “D” for the first 10 years of the Term, and subsequently adjusted amounts determined in accordance with Section 6.6.2.

7.2.2. Development Impact Fees to be Established Based on Studies. The City will study and establish DIFs within one year of the effective Date for the following: revised City Traffic Control Facility Fee, revised Domestic Water Fee, new Recycled Water Fee and revised Sanitary Sewer Fee. The Developer shall be obligated to pay the revised fees and the revised DIFs shall be considered part of the Existing land Use Regulations. The initial DIFs shall be established in accordance with fee studies meeting the requirements of Section 6.6.2.

7.2.3. Adjustment at 10 Year Anniversary Review. The Developer shall pay increased fees after the Ten Year Anniversary Review if those fees are adopted on a City wide basis after the preparation of, and are justified by, a suitable analysis demonstrating the basis for the increase in accordance with Section 6.6.2. The City shall be entitled to repeat the process of increasing the fees thereafter upon the same terms, during the Ten Year Anniversary Review in accordance with Section 6.6.2, throughout the Term of this Agreement.

7.2.4. Payment of Development Impact Fees. The Developer shall pay all Development Impact Fees with respect to Development commenced on the portion of the Developer’s Property owned by the Developer. The Development Impact Fees set forth on Exhibit “D” attached hereto shall be paid at the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy for each building. Unless otherwise specified herein, all other fees, including Processing Fees shall be paid when at issuance of building permits or otherwise when required by code.

7.3 Wastewater, Domestic and Reclaimed Water Facilities Development Impact Fees.

7.3.1. Wastewater Fees. The City levies two capital facilities fees related to wastewater: (i) a sewer collection fee; and (ii) a sewer frontage fee, but collectively such fees are referred to herein as sewer collection fees. The sewer collection fee shall be fixed in accordance with Section 7.2.1 above.

7.3.2. Construction of Wastewater Collection Infrastructure in Lieu of Fees. If any additions, improvements and/or upgrades to the City’s wastewater collection system outside or within the boundaries of the Developer’s Property are required in connection with any Development of the Project, then with the mutual agreement of the parties, the Developer shall have the option to elect to construct some or all of such additions, improvements and/or upgrades at its sole cost and expense. The City shall develop the project specifications and shall undertake a design process to develop project plans and drawings meeting the City’s specifications. The City may utilize the Developer to develop the plans and drawings if the design costs are competitive and Developer has retained competent design professionals who can timely perform the services. If, thereafter, the Developer wishes to construct the improvements, the Developer shall give City a fixed budget and construction schedule, while City obtains competitive bids. City may award the contract to the most
competitive entity, considering price, financing, schedule and ability to perform. The contract may include liquidated damages provisions and other requirements to assure the timely and satisfactory completion of the project within budget. If performed by Developer, upon completion of such works of improvement, the Developer shall be entitled to offset the actual costs approved by City and incurred by it for the design, permitting, construction and installation of such works of improvement against any wastewater collection-related Development Impact Fees that may otherwise be payable in connection with future Development of the portion of the Developer’s Property owned by the Developer.

7.3.3. Wastewater Treatment Capacity. The City shall use its best efforts to obtain the required permits and to construct the needed improvements to the City’s wastewater treatment facilities in order to serve the Project as the need for additional facilities arises. The Developer shall include the construction of the wastewater treatment plant within the phasing plan developed pursuant to Section 6.5. The City estimates that a four year lead time is required with one year for design and one year for permitting with the remaining period needed for construction.

7.3.4. Wastewater, Domestic and Reclaimed Water Facilities and Fees. If any additions, improvements and/or upgrades to the City’s water system, either domestic or reclaimed, outside or within the boundaries of the Developer’s Property are required in connection with any Development of the Project, then with the City’s approval, they may be undertaken by the Developer in accordance with the procedures in Section 7.3.2. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this includes the water tanks, pipelines and appurtenant facilities described in Section 8.5.

7.3.5. Recycled and Domestic Water Fees. Recycled and domestic water developer impact fees shall be established in accordance with Section 7.2.1 above. City does not currently have Development Impact Fees for reclaimed water facilities or for domestic water facilities for the Project. Within a year after the Effective Date, the City shall conduct a study to determine the reasonable charge and the Developer’s pro rata share of the cost of such improvements. When adopted by the Council, the fees shall be considered incorporated herein as Existing Land Use Regulations, and shall be subject to further review at the Ten Year Anniversary Review as provided in Section 6.2.2.

7.4 Park Fees.

7.4.1. Construction of Facilities. The Developer will be constructing, installing and improving the park and recreation facilities listed below, which are deemed to be park, recreation and/or open space for the purpose of complying with the Municipal Code’s park fee requirements. All parkland and open space shall be maintained by the POA, the Developer, the City, the Golf Course operator or such other entity as approved by the City. Provided that all required parks and recreation facilities are constructed and installed in accordance with the Specific Plan and this Agreement, the Project shall not be subject to the imposition of Park Fees by the City. The City acknowledges that the value of the land and improvements for the park, recreation and open space land and facilities exceeds the aggregate of all park fees which may be charged by the City pursuant to the Municipal Code in connection
with the proposed Development of the entire Project. The Developer shall construct and install within the Project’s boundaries the following park and recreation facilities:

7.4.1.1 254-acre Golf Course or Active Open Space, as set forth in Sections 5.3 above and 8.1.3 below;

7.4.1.2 22 publicly accessible parks (each ranging in size from approximately less than 1 acre to over 16 acres), equipped by Developer with typical neighborhood park facilities, which may include picnic facilities, shade structures, playgrounds, turf areas, and related facilities as further defined in the Specific Plan and in accordance with the plans developed in Section 8.1;

7.4.1.3 Two private recreation centers, totaling approximately eight acres, which will be gated and accessible only to the residents of the Project. These centers may, but are not required to, include clubhouse facilities, restrooms, and other amenities as further defined in the Specific Plan; and

7.4.1.4 108.4 acres of additional open space as described in the Specific Plan.

7.4.2. Community Recreation Center. The City shall also be entitled to construct a community recreation center in Planning Areas 35 or 39, on any park or open space site or on any site identified for a public facility, such as a fire station or waste water treatment plant, if that site is not used for the public facility. Once the site has been identified, the Developer shall grade it and stub utilities to site. The Developer’s obligations are further described in Section 8.1.4.

7.5 Traffic Impact Mitigation.

7.5.1. Fees to be Established. The City has established a Development Impact Fee for the purpose of collecting funds to pay for the cost of constructing localized transportation improvements. At the request of the City, the Developer may initiate a study to expand upon the existing Traffic Control Facility Fee to include additional improvements not currently covered in the fee. The fee includes signal costs and minor roadway improvements. The Developer shall pay the applicable Traffic Control Facility Fee established by the City in effect on the Effective Date or at the time that the new revised fee is established, pursuant to Section 7.2.1 above.

7.5.2. Highland Springs Interim Improvement Project. The Developer has initiated and will complete interim improvements to Highland Springs Avenue between Ramsey Street and the I-10 Freeway. These improvements include, but are not limited to, the synchronization of traffic signals along Highland Springs Avenue, relocation of traffic signals, closings and relocation of Joshua Palmer Way and the restriping and repaving of Highland Springs Avenue. The City believes that the current traffic impacts are caused by the Developer’s earlier project in Beaumont. The City shall use its best efforts to coordinate with the City of Beaumont an agreement to reimburse a portion of the improvements either through the appropriate transportation fee credits or other mechanism.
7.5.3. **The Developer to Construct Traffic Improvements In Lieu of Paying City Fair Share Fees.** In the event the Developer is required to construct traffic improvements in lieu of paying the City’s fair share fees, City shall reimburse the Developer for the cost of the completed improvements through Reimbursement Agreements mandating that any project larger than 20 dwelling units pay a prorated share for benefits associated with completion of the Project.

8. **DEDICATIONS AND CONVEYANCES OF PROPERTY INTERESTS**

8.1 **Park Improvements.**

8.1.1. **Neighborhood/Community Parks.** Prior to the construction of any parks, the Developer shall meet with both the Director and the Director of Parks and Recreation to review the provisions set forth in the Specific Plan outlining the facilities to be provided at each park and discuss the Developer’s plans for near term construction of the parks. Prior to development of each park, a detailed site plan consistent with the Specific Plan shall be prepared by the Developer and approved by the Director and the Parks and Recreation Commissions. The Developer shall complete the construction of neighborhood parks and utility easement parks (park improvements which will go in beneath the SCE easement area in the middle of the project, Planning Areas 36, 37 and 38, Planning Areas 22 through 34, 36 through 38, 62, 64 through 67 and 72, no later than the issuance of the final Certificate of Occupancy for residential units within the adjacent subdivisions. A subdivision separated from a park by a street shall not be considered to be adjacent to the park. The Parties shall, mutually, determine what constitutes the adjacent subdivision if a park adjoins more than one subdivision. Upon completion of each neighborhood park, the City shall after the one-year maintenance period has expired, within 10 working days, develop final punch lists of items to be corrected prior to acceptance by the City. Upon correction of final punch list items by the Developer, the City shall accept the park within 30 days of the date of the final inspection.

8.1.2. **POA Recreation Centers.** The POA Recreation centers identified in Planning Areas 21 and 63 shall be constructed by the Developer in accordance with the Tract Phasing Plan pursuant to Section 6.5.

8.1.3. **Golf Course/Active Open Space.** The Golf Course shall be constructed at the sole and absolute discretion of the Developer. The determination to construct the Golf Course will take place within the first phase of Phase I of development due to the need to construct of the flood control improvements for Smith Creek. The Golf Course will be maintained by a Developer selected operator and open to the public. The operator may sell annual play memberships. If, as described in Section 5.4 above, the Golf Course is determined to be financially infeasible, the Developer shall notify the Planning Department in writing and the open space and drainage provisions described in the Specific Plan shall dictate the uses allowed on Planning Areas 35 and 39. The revised use of Planning Areas 35 and 39 shall be approved by both the Planning Commission (as the recommending body) and City Council prior to construction. The revised plan shall incorporate active recreational use including biking and pedestrian trails, turnouts for exercise, viewing and educational facilities, all linkable to other tracts, parks and open space, landscaping and providing full public access.
8.1.4. **Community Recreation/Emergency Center.** The City’s Parks Master Plan identifies the need in the Project for a community recreation center, and this is even more necessary if the Golf Course is not developed. This Center would be on an approximately six (6) acre parcel in Planning Area 39 in lieu of the golf clubhouse, or alternatively could be located as a part of a community park or other available site including in Planning Area 71, or in lieu of the waste water treatment plant site in Planning Area 11. Depending on the site selected, the six (6) acres may be reduced so as to not adversely affect the development area of adjacent parcels from the development areas shown in the Specific Plan. The Center is contemplated as a 30,000 sq. foot facility. The plan for the Center shall be included in the Park Master Plan and the site plan shall be processed at the time the chosen Planning Area is developed, subject to the Phasing Plans approved pursuant to Section 6.5, and provided that if the City chooses to put the Center in Planning Area 11, it may be developed as part of Phase I provided that Developer shall satisfy the Phase I obligation by providing a developed Site, and need not fund the construction of the improvements if there are insufficient DIF’s for credit. The Developer shall dedicate the site to City without charge. If developed as part of a park it shall be developed at the time required for parks in Section 8.1.1. The Center may include emergency operations and shelter components, and will also include appropriate landscaped grounds and facilities as specified in the Master Plan. The Center may be developed and constructed by Developer in the same manner as for the waste water treatment plant in Section 7.3.2, except as provided above.

8.2 **Drainage Facilities.** Planning Areas 19 and 71 are required areas of detention, recharge and conveyance of Project created and natural storm flows through the Project as set forth in Section 5.4 above. Planning Area 19 will consist of water quality basins, habitat restoration and flood conveyance facilities as well as the head works for the culvert underneath Wilson Street. This Planning Area may be ultimately transferred to the Flood Control District or City for acceptance and maintenance, but the Developer shall have the right to utilize it until such time as Development has fully or partially occurred for erosion control purposes. Planning Area 71 may be constructed in Phase I of the Project if required for the realignment of Smith Creek. This Planning Area may also consist of a large open reservoir, detention basin and recharge facility that may ultimately be transferred to the City or other appropriate body for acceptance and maintenance. The City shall have no obligation to accept the facilities if they primarily benefit the Project and are for flood control purposes but City may do so if the recharge facility and reservoir facility is designed for water recharge purposes and City determines in its sole and absolute discretion that they are needed to enhance the City’s water supply.

8.3 **Satellite Water Treatment Plant.** The Director of Public Works Director shall determine the location of a two to five acre portion of Planning Area 11 for the onsite treatment of Project-related and other localized wastewater flows. The City shall have an Appraisal of Land Value determined within one (1) year of the signing of this Agreement. The City shall grant a credit equal to the fair market value determined by the appraisal to the City’s waste water impact fee, when that fee is established, which credit may be used by the Developer on a unit by unit basis. Title to the site shall be transferred to the City after the site has been graded by the Developer and utilities are stubbed to the site.
8.4 **Fire Station Site.** The Specific Plan has identified a site in Planning Area 60 as the possible site for a fire station. The City shall have the an Appraisal of Land Value performed for a site of up to two (2) acres within one (1) year of the signing of this Agreement. The City shall grant a credit equal to the fair market value determined by the appraisal to the City’s Fire Facilities Development Fee which credit may be used by the Developer on a unit by unit basis. Title to the site shall be transferred to the City after the site has been graded by the Developer and utilities are stubbed to the site.

8.5 **Water Tanks.** The City’s water facilities and improvements described in Section 7.3.4 include certain water tanks, pipelines, access roads and appurtenant facilities which largely serve the Development and must be located at specific locations and elevations to make the water system function correctly and maintain public health and safety. The water tanks shall be developed as follows:

A. A 500,000 gallon tank in Planning Area 73 at an high water elevation line of 3237 feet.

B. A 1.4 million gallon tank in Planning Area 73 at an high water elevation line of 3070 feet.

C. A 1.6 million gallon tank Planning Area 68 or 50 at a high water elevation line of 2822 feet.

Each tank will require a parcel from 1 to 1.5 acres in area and additional area for access, and shall be dedicated to City without charge after the site has been graded and stubbed out by Developer. The Developer may construct the improvements in accordance with Section 7.3.2 and receive fee credits to the water development impact fee on a unit per unit basis for the construction costs. The water tanks are considered backbone infrastructure and shall be constructed in accordance with the Phasing Plans developed in accordance with Section 6.5 provided that the tanks in paragraph C above must be in Phase I.

9. **PROCESSING OF REQUESTS AND APPLICATIONS: OTHER GOVERNMENT PERMITS.**

9.1 **Processing.** In reviewing Future Development Approvals which are discretionary, the City may impose only those conditions, exactions, and restrictions which are allowed by the Development Plan and this Agreement. Upon satisfactory completion by the Developer of all required preliminary actions, meetings, submittal of required information and payment of appropriate processing fees, if any, the City shall promptly commence and diligently proceed to complete all required steps necessary for the implementation of this Agreement and the development by the Developer of the Project in accordance with the Existing Development Approvals. In this regard, the Developer, in a timely manner, will provide the City with all documents, applications, plans and other information necessary for the City to carry out its obligations hereunder and will cause the Developer’s planners, engineers and all other consultants to submit in a timely manner all required materials and documents therefor. It is the express intent of this Agreement that the parties cooperate and diligently work to implement any zoning or other land use, site plan, subdivision, grading, building or other approvals for
development of the Project in accordance with the Existing Development Approvals and those items set forth in Exhibit “E.” Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained herein shall be construed to require City to process Developer’s Applications ahead of other projects in process in the City and City’s obligations hereunder shall be subject to the City’s workload and staffing at any given time.

9.2 Developer to Pay for Expedited Processing. If Developer elects, in its sole and absolute discretion, to request the City to incur overtime or additional consulting services to receive expedited processing by the City, the Developer shall pay all such overtime costs, charges or fees incurred by City for such expedited processing.

9.3 General Time Periods for Processing.

9.3.1 General Plan Review and Approval. The City shall provide comments within two weeks for all plan checks for required infrastructure, building, grading, both mass and finished, architectural, erosion control or any other required plan submittal and will not unduly extend amount of plan checks beyond three submittals provided that Developer’s consultants are responsive. In the event that consensus between the City and the Developer regarding the content of the plans after the 3rd submittal can not be made, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss how to reconcile the differences.

9.3.2 Architectural Plan Submittal Process. The Developer shall submit architectural plans to the Planning Department for maximum two-week review of the entire plan set for each submittal for a maximum of three plan check reviews to ensure that they conform to the guidelines set forth in Specific Plan provided that Developer’s consultants are responsive. In the event that consensus can not be made after the third plan check, a meeting will be coordinated with the plan checker, Planning Department and the Developer or the Developer’s representative. The Planning Department, upon determining compliance with the guidelines set forth in the Specific Plan, shall approve the plans. This review is a ministerial action. Additional architectural enhancements that are above and beyond the design guidelines will be implemented at the Developer’s sole and absolute discretion but are subject to review by City if proposed.

9.4 Precise Grading/Plot Plan Revisions. In the event that the Developer wishes to revise house plan type or elevation on an approved plot plan or revised grading plan, City Engineering and Planning staff review and approval shall be done over the counter.

9.5 Additional Inspectors and Plan Checkers. In the event that the Developer requests it, the City shall permit overtime, including both additional days and hours, for inspections and plan checking at the Developer’s expense. In the event that the City is unable to provide inspectors or plan checkers capable of meeting the demand for inspections or plan checks required for the Development of the Project in a timely fashion, the City shall, if requested to do so by the Developer and at the Developer’s expense, employ additional private entities or persons to perform such services.

9.6 Tentative Subdivision Maps. The City shall extend through the Term hereof (pursuant to Government Code § 66452.6) all Master Tract Maps and all tentative and
vesting tentative Subdivision Maps applied for by the Developer during the term of this Agreement and approved by the City in the future.

9.7 **Multiple Final Subdivision Maps:** The Developer may file as many final maps over a tentative Subdivision Map as it deems appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion.

9.8 **Financing and Conveyance Maps:** The Developer may have a Master Tract Map approved for the purpose of conveying portions of the Developer’s Property to others and/or for the purpose of creating legal lots which may be used as security for loans to develop the Developer’s Property and as provided in Section 6.5.1. Any such map shall not authorize any Development and shall not be subject to any conditions, Exactions or restrictions, other than monumentation and conditions which do not require the payment of money or the installation or construction of improvements.

9.9 **Water Availability.** Any final subdivision map prepared for the Developer’s Property, or any portion of the Developer’s Property, shall comply with the provisions of Government Code § 66473.7.

9.10 **Other Governmental Permits.** The Developer shall apply in a timely manner for such other permits and approvals as may be required from other governmental or quasi-governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the Project as may be required for the development of, or provision of services to, the Project. The City shall cooperate with the Developer in its efforts to obtain such permits and approvals.

9.11 **Public Agency Coordination.** The City and Developer shall cooperate and use reasonable efforts in coordinating the implementation of the Development Plan with other public agencies, if any, having jurisdiction over the Property or the Project.

9.12 **Annexation.** This Agreement’s effectiveness over land within the Developer’s Property that is currently not within the City nor within its sphere of influence is subject to the annexation of that land into the City. If the land is annexed into the City, the terms of this Agreement shall automatically apply to all portions of that land upon its annexation. In the event that annexation of portions of the Developer’s Property not currently within the City is not approved by LAFCO, or for any other reason is not annexed to the City, then any such portions shall be excluded from this Agreement. With the exception of land within Planning Area 43B, the City shall, subject to the negotiation of a tax allocation agreement with the County of Riverside acceptable to City, use its best efforts to expeditiously accomplish the annexation of those portions of the Developer’s Property not within the City, or such portions thereof as may be approved by the developer, to the City.

10. **AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.**

10.1 **Initiation of Amendment.** Either Party may propose an amendment to this Agreement.

10.2 **Procedure.** Except as set forth in Section 10.4 below, the procedure for proposing and adopting an amendment to this Agreement shall be the same as the procedure
required for entering into this Agreement in the first instance, and meet the requirements of the Development Agreement Statute § 65867.

10.3 **Consent.** Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, no amendment to all or any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless set forth in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of each of the Parties hereto and recorded in the Official Records of Riverside County.

10.4 **Minor Modifications.**

10.4.1 **Flexibility Necessary.** The provisions of this Agreement require a close degree of cooperation between the City and the Developer. Implementation of the Project may require minor modifications of the details of the Development Plan and affect the performance of the Parties under this Agreement. The anticipated refinements to the Project and the Development of the Developer’s Property may demonstrate that clarifications to this Agreement and the Existing Land Use Regulations are appropriate with respect to the details of performance of the City and the Developer. The Parties desire to retain a certain degree of flexibility with respect to those items covered in general terms under this Agreement. Therefore, non-substantive and procedural modifications of the Development Plan shall not require modification of this Agreement.

10.4.2 **Non-Substantive Changes.** A modification will be deemed non-substantive and/or procedural if it does not result in a material change in fees, maximum residential density, maximum intensity of use, permitted uses, the maximum height and size of buildings, the reservation or dedication of land for public purposes, or the improvement and construction standards and specifications for the Project, including density transfers between phases. A “material change” is generally one which does not change the standard by ten percent (10%) or more. For example, for a height limit of 20 feet, a change of less than two feet is deemed non-material.

10.4.3 **Hearing Rights Protected.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, City will process any change to this Development Agreement consistent with state law and will hold public hearings thereon if so required by state law and the parties expressly agree nothing herein is intended to deprive any party or person of due process of law.

10.5 **Effect of Amendment to Development Agreement.** Except as expressly set forth in any such amendment, an amendment to this Agreement will not alter, affect, impair, modify, waive, or otherwise impact any other rights, duties, or obligations of either Party under this Agreement.

11. **RESERVATIONS OF AUTHORITY.**

11.1 **Limitations, Reservations and Exceptions.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth hereinabove, in addition to the Existing Land Use Regulations, only the following Land Use Regulations adopted by City hereafter shall apply to and govern the Development of the Developer’s Property (“Reservation of Authority”):
11.1.1. **Future Regulations.** Future Land Use Regulations which (i) are not in conflict with the Existing Land Use Regulations, (ii) which would be applicable under the Development Agreement statute (§ 65866); (iii) if in conflict with the Existing Land Use Regulations but the application of which to the Development of the Developer’s Property has been consented to in writing by Developer.

11.1.2. **State and Federal Laws and Regulations.** Where state or federal laws or regulations enacted after the Effective Date prevent or preclude compliance with one or more provisions of the Development Agreement, those provisions shall be modified, through revision or suspension, to the extent necessary to comply with such state or federal laws or regulations.

11.1.3. **Public Health and Safety/Uniform Codes.**

11.1.3.1 **Adoption Automatic Regarding Uniform Codes.** This Agreement shall not prevent the City from adopting Future Land Use Regulations or amending Existing Regulations which are uniform codes and are based on recommendations of a multi-state professional organization and become applicable throughout the City, such as, but not limited to, the Uniform Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, or Fire Codes.

11.1.3.2 **Adoption Regarding Public Health and Safety/Uniform Codes.** This Development Agreement shall not prevent the City from adopting Future Land Use Regulations respecting public health and safety to be applicable throughout the City which directly result from findings by the City that failure to adopt such Future Land Use Regulations would result in a condition injurious or detrimental to the public health and safety and that such Future General Regulations are the only reasonable means to correct or avoid such injurious or detrimental condition.

11.1.3.3 **Adoption Automatic Regarding Regional Programs.** This Agreement shall not prevent the City from adopting Future Land Use Regulations or amending Existing Regulations which are regional codes and are based on recommendations of a county or regional organization and become applicable throughout the region, such as Western Riverside Council of Governments.

11.1.4. **Amendments to Codes for Local Conditions.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, no construction within the Project shall be subject to any provision in any of the subsequent Uniform Construction Codes, adopted by the State of California, but modified by the City to make it more restrictive than the provisions of previous Uniform Construction Codes of the City, notwithstanding the fact that the City has the authority to adopt such more restrictive provision pursuant to the California Building Standards Law, including, but not limited to, Health and Safety Code § 18941.5, unless such amendment applies City-wide. The City shall give Developer prior written notice of the proposed adoption of such amendment and Developer shall have the right to present its objections to the amendment.

11.2 **Regulation by Other Public Agencies.** It is acknowledged by the Parties that other public agencies not within the control of the City possess authority to regulate aspects
of the Development of the Developer’s Property separately from, or jointly with, the City and this Agreement does not limit the reasonable authority of such other public agencies.

11.3 Fees, Taxes and Assessments. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, the City retains the right (i) to impose or modify Processing Fees and Development Impact Fees as provided in Article 7, (ii) to impose or modify business licensing or other fees pertaining to the operation of businesses, (iii) to impose or modify taxes and assessments which apply City-wide such as utility taxes, sales taxes and transient occupancy taxes, (iv) to impose or modify fees and charges for City services such as electrical utility charges, water rates, and sewer rates, (v) to impose or modify a community wide or area-wide assessment district which does not predominately apply to the Developer’s Property, and (vi) to impose or modify any fees, taxes or assessments similar to the foregoing.

12. **ANNUAL REVIEW.**

12.1 **Annual Monitoring Review.** Following commencement of construction, the City and the Developer shall review the performance of this Agreement, and the Development of the Project, on or about each anniversary of the Effective Date (the “Annual Review”). The cost of the Annual Review shall be borne by Developer and Developer shall pay a reasonable deposit in an amount requested by City to pay for such review. As part of each Annual Review, within ten (10) days after each anniversary of this Agreement, the Developer shall deliver to the City all information reasonably requested by City (i) regarding the Developer’s performance under this Agreement demonstrating that the Developer has complied in good faith with the terms of this Agreement and (ii) as required by the Existing Land Use Regulations.

The Director shall prepare and submit to Developer and thereafter to City Council a written report on the performance of the Project, and identify any deficiencies. If any deficiencies are noted, or if requested by a Councilmember a public hearing shall be held before the City Council on the report to Council. The Developer’s written response shall be included in the Director’s report. The report to Council shall be made within 45 days of the anniversary date.

If the City determines that the Developer has substantially complied with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Annual Review shall be concluded. If the City finds and determines that the Developer has not substantially complied with the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the period under review, the City may declare a default by the Developer in accordance with Section 13.1.

12.2 **Certificate of Compliance.** If, at the conclusion of an Annual Review, the City finds that the Developer is in substantial compliance with this Agreement, the City shall, upon request by the Developer, issue an Estoppel Certificate to the Developer in the form shown on Exhibit “C.”

12.3 **Failure to Conduct Annual Review.** The failure of the City to conduct the Annual Review shall not be a Developer Default unless Developer fails to cooperate in providing necessary information.
13. **DEFAULT, REMEDIES AND TERMINATION.**

13.1 Rights of Non-Defaulting Party after Default. The Parties acknowledge that both Parties shall have hereunder all legal and equitable remedies as provided by law following the occurrence of a Default or to enforce any covenant or agreement herein except as provided in Section 13.2 below. Before this Agreement may be terminated or action may be taken to obtain judicial relief the Party seeking relief (“Non-Defaulting Party”) shall comply with the notice and cure provisions of this Article 13.

13.2 No Recovery for Monetary Damages. The nature of a development agreement under the Development Agreement Statute is a very unusual contract involving promoting a very large development project facing many complex issues including geologic, environmental, finance, market, regulatory and other constantly evolving factors over an extremely long time frame. The high level of uncertainty and risk involved justify the extraordinary commitments made to the Developer. However, the original persons representing the parties and approving the transaction are only likely to be involved with the Project for a limited time in comparison to the over-all life of the Project.

It is highly likely that misunderstandings will develop over time. Moreover, municipal budgets are extremely constrained, and a threat of recovery of damages against a municipal entity may pressure a municipality with limited resources to settle in a manner adverse to its interests and those of its citizens. Finally, the municipal entity represents the public welfare of the entire community, a community who cannot directly represent themselves. The City Council has come to believe that entering into a development agreement with the Developer vesting the Developer with the extraordinary rights provided herein is in the best interests of the community through the Developer’s active engagement with the community and open communications over several years. It is critical to the success of this Project that as inevitable obstacles are met, and the persons implementing the Project change over the 40 year time span of the Project, that close working relationships be maintained. Accordingly, in this Agreement, the rights of enforcement are limited as follows (i) the remedy of monetary damages is not available to either Party, and (ii) there is no shortcut to a mediation or arbitration procedure where a nonelected representative can arbitrarily determine land use development issues.

For purposes of enforcement, stated positively, the Parties shall have the equitable remedies of specific performance, injunctive and declaratory relief, or a mandate or other action determining that the City has exceed its authority, and similar remedies, other than recovery of monetary damages, to enforce their rights under this Agreement. The Parties shall have the right to recover their attorney fees and costs pursuant to Section 19.9 in such action. Moreover, the Developer shall have the right to a public hearing before the City Council before any default can be established under this Agreement, as provided in Section 13.6.

13.3 Recovery of Monies Other Than Damages.

13.3.1 Restitution of Improper Exactions. In the event any actions, whether monetary or through the provision of land, good or services, are imposed on the Development of the Developer’s Property other than those authorized pursuant to this Agreement, the Developer shall be entitled to recover from City restitution of all such
improperly assessed exactions, either in kind or the value in lieu of the exaction, together with interest thereon at the rate of the maximum rate provided by law per year from the date such exactions were provided to City to the date of restitution.

13.3.2. Monetary Default. In the event the Developer fails to perform any monetary obligation under this Agreement, City may sue for the payment of such sums to the extent due and payable. The Developer shall pay interest thereon at the lesser of: (i) ten percent (10%) per annum, or (ii) the maximum rate permitted by law, from and after the due date of the monetary obligation until payment is actually received by the City.

13.4 Compliance with the Claims Act. Compliance with this Article 13 shall constitute full compliance with the requirements of the Claims Act, Government Code § 900 et seq., pursuant to Government Code § 930.2 in any action brought by the Developer.

13.5 Notice and Opportunity to Cure. A Non-Defaulting Party in its discretion may elect to declare a Default under this Agreement in accordance with the procedures hereinafter set forth for any failure or breach of the other Party (“Defaulting Party”) to perform any material duty or obligation of the Defaulting Party under the terms of this Agreement. However, the Non-Defaulting Party must provide written notice to the Defaulting Party setting forth the nature of the breach or failure and the actions, if any, required by the Defaulting Party to cure such breach or failure. The Defaulting Party shall be deemed in Default under this Agreement, if the breach or failure can be cured, but the Defaulting Party has failed to take such actions and cure such default within thirty (30) days after the date of such notice or ten (10) days for monetary defaults (or such lesser time as may be specifically provided in this Agreement). However, if such non-monetary Default cannot be cured within such thirty (30) day period, and if and, as long as the Defaulting Party does each of the following:

1. Notifies the Non-Defaulting Party in writing with a reasonable explanation as to the reasons the asserted default is not curable within the thirty (30) day period;
2. Notifies the Non-Defaulting Party of the Defaulting Party’s proposed cause of action to cure the default;
3. Promptly commences to cure the default within the thirty (30) day period;
4. Makes periodic reports to the Non-Defaulting Party as to the progress of the program of cure;
5. Diligently prosecutes such cure to completion,

Then the Defaulting Party shall not be deemed in breach of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Defaulting Party shall be deemed in default under this Agreement if the breach or failure involves the payment of money but the Defaulting Party has failed to completely cure the monetary default within ten (10) days (or such lesser time as may be specifically provided in this Agreement) after the date of such notice.
13.6 Dispute Resolution.

13.6.1. Meet & Confer. Prior to any Party issuing a Default Notice hereunder, the Non-Defaulting Party shall inform the Defaulting Party either orally or in writing of the Default and request a meeting to meet and confer over the alleged default and how it might be corrected. The Parties through their designated representatives shall meet within ten (10) days of the request therefore. The Parties shall meet as often as may be necessary to correct the conditions of default, but after the initial meeting either Party may also terminate the meet and confer process and proceed with the formal Default Notice.

13.6.2. Termination Notice. Upon receiving a Default Notice, should the Defaulting Party fail to timely cure any default, or fail to diligently pursue such cure as prescribed above, the Nondefaulting Party may, in its discretion, provide the Defaulting Party with a written notice of intent to terminate this Agreement and other Agreements (“Termination Notice”). The Termination Notice shall state that the Nondefaulting Party will elect to terminate the Agreement and such other Agreements as the Non-defaulting Party elects to terminate within thirty (30) days and state the reasons therefor (including a copy of any specific charges of default) and a description of the evidence upon which the decision to terminate is based. Once the Termination Notice has been issued, the Non-defaulting Party’s election to terminate Agreements will only be waived if (i) the Defaulting Party fully and completely cures all defaults prior to the date of termination, or (ii) pursuant to Section 13.6.3 below.

13.6.3. Hearing Opportunity Prior to Termination. Prior to any termination, a termination hearing shall be conducted as provided herein (“Termination Hearing”). The Termination Hearing shall be scheduled as an open public hearing item at a regularly-scheduled City Council meeting within thirty (30) days of the Termination Notice, subject to any legal requirements including but not limited to the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Sections 54950-54963. At said Termination Hearing, the Defaulting Party shall have the right to present evidence to demonstrate that it is not in default and to rebut any evidence presented in favor of termination. Based upon substantial evidence presented at the Termination Hearing, the Council may, by adopted resolution, act as follows:

A. Decide to terminate this Agreement.

B. Determine that the alleged Defaulting Party is innocent of a default and, accordingly, dismiss the Termination Notice and any charges of default; or

C. Impose conditions on a finding of default and a time for cure, such that Defaulting Party’s fulfillment of said conditions will waive or cure any default.

Findings of a default or a condition of default must be based upon substantial evidence supporting the following three findings: (i) that a default in fact occurred and has continued to exist without timely cure, (ii) that the Non-Defaulting Party’s performance has not excused the default; and (iii) that such default has, or will, cause a material breach of this Agreement and/or a substantial negative impact upon public health, safety and welfare, or the financial terms established in the Agreement, or such other interests arising from the Project. Notwithstanding
the foregoing, nothing herein shall vest authority in the City Council to unilaterally change any material provision of the Agreement.

Following the decision of the City Council, any Party dissatisfied with the decision may seek judicial relief consistent with this Article 13.

13.7 Waiver of Breach. By not challenging any Development Approval within 90 days of the action of City enacting the same, Developer shall be deemed to have waived any claim that any condition of approval is improper or that the action, as approved, constitutes a breach of the provisions of this Agreement. By recordation of a final map on all or any portion of the Developer’s Property, the Developer shall be deemed to have waived any claim that any condition of approval is improper or that the action, as approved, constitutes a breach of the provisions of this Agreement.

13.8 Limitations on Defaults. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, a Default by one Owner shall not constitute a Default by an Owner of a portion of the Developer’s Property, which is not the owner of the portion of the Developer’s Property that is the subject of the Default (an “Innocent Owner”). Likewise, a Default by an Owner with respect to a Lot (or group of Lots) it owns or leases shall not constitute a Default by an Innocent Owner, nor shall the Default by another Owner of a portion of the Developer’s Property not owned by an Innocent Owner constitute a Default of the Innocent Owner. Therefore, (i) no Innocent Owner shall have any liability to the City for, or with respect to, any Default by another Owner or any Default of any other Owner, (ii) an Innocent Owner shall have no liability to the City for, or with respect to, any Default by any other Owner, and (iii) the City’s election to terminate this Agreement as a result of a Default by an Owner shall not result in a termination of this Agreement with respect to either (x) any portion of the Developer’s Property not owned by such Owner or (y) those Lots owned or leased by an Innocent Owner until such time that this Agreement would otherwise terminate in accordance with its terms.

13.9 Venue. In the event of any judicial action, venue shall be in the Superior Court of Riverside County.

14. ASSIGNMENT.

14.1 Right to Assign.

14.1.1. General. Neither Party shall assign (as hereinafter defined) or transfer (as hereinafter defined) its interests, rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The term “assignment” as used in this Agreement shall include successors-in-interest to the City that may be created by operation of law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City shall have the right to sell, assign or transfer its interest in any real property dedicated or transferred to the City pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or to another public agency.

As used in this Section, the term “transfer” shall include the transfer to any person or group of persons acting in concert of more than seventy percent (70%) of the present equity ownership and/or more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting control of the Developer (jointly and severally referred to herein as the “Trigger Percentages”) or any general partner of the
Developer in the aggregate, taking all transfers into account on a cumulative basis, except transfers of such ownership or control interest between members of the same immediate family, or transfers to a trust, testamentary or otherwise, in which the beneficiaries are limited to members of the transferor’s immediate family. A transfer of interests (on a cumulative basis) in the equity ownership and/or voting control of the Developer in amounts less than the Trigger Percentages shall not constitute a transfer subject to the restrictions set forth herein. In the event the Developer or any general partner of the Developer or its successor is a corporation or trust, such transfer shall refer to the transfer of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Developer, or of beneficial interests of such trust; in the event that Developer or any general partner of the Developer is a limited or general partnership, such transfer shall refer to the transfer of more than the Trigger Percentages in the limited or general partnership interest; in the event that the Developer or any general partner is a joint venture, such transfer shall refer to the transfer of more than the Trigger Percentages of such joint venture partner, taking all transfers into account on a cumulative basis.

The Developer shall not transfer this Agreement or any of the Developer’s rights hereunder, or any interest in the Developer’s Property or in the improvements thereon, directly or indirectly, voluntarily or by operation of law, except as provided below, without the prior written approval of City, and if so purported to be transferred, the same shall be null and void. In considering whether it will grant approval to any transfer by Developer, which transfer requires City approval, City shall consider factors such as (i) the financial strength and capability of the proposed transferee to perform the obligations hereunder; and (ii) the proposed transferee’s experience and expertise in the planning, financing, development, ownership, and operation of similar projects. In no event shall the City’s approval of any transfer be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

In addition, no attempted assignment of any of the Developer’s obligations hereunder shall be effective unless and until the successor party signs and delivers to the City an assumption agreement, in a form approved by the City, assuming such obligations. No consent or approval by City of any transfer requiring the City’s approval shall constitute a further waiver of the provision of this Section 14.1.1 and, furthermore, the City’s consent to a transfer shall not be deemed to release the Developer of liability for performance under this Agreement unless such release is specific and in writing executed by City. In no event shall the City’s release of the Developer from liability under this Agreement upon a transfer be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, City approval of a Transfer or Assignment of any portion of the Developer’s Property under this Agreement shall not be required in connection with any of the following provided that such person or entity transferee or assignee assumes in writing all of the Developer’s obligations under this Agreement and notifies the City in writing of the same:

A. Any mortgage, deed of trust, sale/lease-back, or other form of conveyance for financing and any resulting foreclosure therefrom.

B. The granting of easements or dedications to any appropriate governmental agency or utility or permits to facilitate the development of the Developer’s Property.
C. A sale or transfer resulting from, or in connection with, a reorganization as contemplated by the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or otherwise, in which the ownership interests of a corporation are assigned directly or by operation of law to a person or persons, firm or corporation which acquires the control of the voting capital stock of such corporation or all or substantially all of the assets of such corporation.

D. A sale or transfer of less than the Trigger Percentages between members of the same immediate family, or transfers to a trust, testamentary or otherwise, in which the beneficiaries consist solely of immediate family members of the trustor or transfers to a corporation or partnership in which the immediate family members or shareholders of the transferor who owns at least ten percent (10%) of the present equity ownership and/or at least fifty percent (50%) of the voting control of Developer.

E. A transfer of common areas to a POA.

F. Any transfer to an entity or entities in which the Developer retains a minimum of 51% of the ownership or beneficial interest and retains management and control of the transferee entity or entities.

G. Any transfer of interests in Owner for estate planning purposes to the heirs of Owner, provided that the heirs retain a minimum of 51% of the ownership or beneficial interest of the transferor entity and retain management and control of the transferee entity.

H. Any transfer of interest to a Pre-Qualified Buyer.

14.1.2. Subject to Terms of Agreement. Following any such Transfer or Assignment of any of the rights and interests of the Developer under this Agreement, in accordance with Section 14.1.1 above, the exercise, use and enjoyment of such rights and interests shall continue to be subject to the terms of this Agreement to the same extent as if the assignee or transferee were the Developer.

14.1.3. Release of Developer. Upon the written consent of the City to the complete assignment of this Agreement or the transfer of a portion of the Developer’s Property and the express written assumption of the assigned obligations of the Developer under this Agreement by the assignee, the Developer shall be relieved of its legal duty from the assigned obligations under this Agreement with respect to the portion of the Developer’s Property transferred, except to the extent the Developer is in default under the terms of this Agreement prior to the transfer.

14.1.4. No Approval of Terms of Loan by City. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein with regards to the approval by the City of hypothecation, encumbrances or mortgages, the City shall only have the right to approve the identity of the Developer’s lender, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld, taking into consideration such lender’s financial strength, reputation, and other relevant factors. The City shall not have any right to approve any of the terms or conditions of the Developer’s financing arrangements with third party lenders.
14.2 **Sale to Pre-Qualified Buyer.** Nothing herein shall prevent the Developer from selling a portion of the Developer’s Property for residential development subject to any approved final subdivision map to a Pre-Qualified Buyer for construction of houses in accordance with the terms of this Agreement provided that the transferee must enter into appropriate agreements with the City to assure that all Development restrictions hereunder will be met.

14.3 **Termination of Agreement With Respect to Individual Parcels Upon Sale to Public.** Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement shall terminate as to any Lot which has been finally subdivided and improved with all required public improvements and which is individually (and not in “bulk”) sold to an owner-user and thereupon, and without the execution or recordation of any further document or instrument, such Lot shall be released from and no longer be subject to the provisions of this Agreement; provided, however, that CC&R’s are placed of record in accordance with Section 14.4 below.

14.4 **Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.** Prior to the transfer of any portion of the Project to a third party, the Developer shall submit a proposed form of Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions to be recorded against the applicable subdivision to the City for its review and approval (“CC&R’S”). The CC&R’S must be recorded prior to issuance of certificates of occupancy, and Developer shall pay City’s review costs. It is anticipated that the CC&R’S will contain, among other things, protective covenants to protect and preserve the integrity and value in the subdivision, including but not limited to use restrictions, maintenance covenants, EIR mitigation measures, restrictions under this Development Agreement which will continue to apply to the subdivision, covenants for construction and completion of the improvements and a provision giving the City the right to enforce the CC&R’S, including the right to recover its enforcement costs if there is noncompliance following notice and the opportunity to cure.

15. **RELEASES AND INDEMNITIES.**

15.1 **The City’s Release As To Actions Prior To Effective Date.** The City forever discharges, releases and expressly waives as against the Developer and its attorneys and employees any and all claims, liens, demands, causes of action, excuses for nonperformance (including but not limited to claims and/or defenses of unenforceability, lack of consideration, and/or violation of public policy), losses, damages, and liabilities, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, based in contract, tort, or other theories of direct and/or of agency liability (including but not limited to principles of respondent superior) that it has now or has had in the past, arising out of or relating to this Agreement and the development agreement approved in 1993, and the currently existing land use plans for the Developer’s Property or any portion thereof.

15.2 **The Developer’s Release As To Actions Prior To Effective Date.** The Developer forever discharges, releases and expressly waives as against the City and its respective councils, boards, commissions, officers, attorneys and employees any and all claims, liens, demands, causes of action, excuses for nonperformance (including but not limited to claims and/or defenses of unenforceability, lack of consideration, and/or violation of public policy),
losses, damages, and liabilities, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, based in contract, tort or other theories of direct and/or of agency liability (including but not limited to principles of respondent superior) that they have now or have had in the past, arising out of or relating to this Agreement and the development agreement approved in 1993, and the currently existing land use plans for the Developer’s Property or any portion thereof.

15.3 **Third-Party Litigation.**

15.3.1. **Non-liability of City.** As set forth above, the City has determined that this Agreement is consistent with the General Plan and that the General Plan and Development Approvals meets all of the legal requirements of State law. The Parties acknowledge that:

A. In the future there may be challenges to legality, validity and adequacy of the General Plan, the Development Approvals and/or this Agreement; and

B. If successful, such challenges could delay or prevent the performance of this Agreement and the development of the Developer’s Property.

In addition to the other provisions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the provisions of this Section 15, the City shall have no liability under this Agreement for any failure of the City to perform under this Agreement or the inability of the Developer to develop the Developer’s Property as contemplated by the Development Plan or this Agreement as the result of a judicial determination that on the Effective Date, or at any time thereafter, the General Plan, the Land Use Regulations, the Development Approvals, this Agreement, or portions thereof, are invalid or inadequate or not in compliance with law.

15.3.2. **Revision of Land Use Restrictions.** If, for any reason, the General Plan, Land Use Regulations, Development Approvals, this Agreement or any part thereof is hereafter judicially determined, as provided above, to not be in compliance with the State or Federal Constitution, laws or regulations and, if such noncompliance can be cured by an appropriate amendment thereof otherwise conforming to the provisions of this Agreement, then this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent permitted by law. The Development Plan, Development Approvals and this Agreement shall be amended, as necessary, in order to comply with such judicial decision.

15.3.3. **Participation in Litigation: Indemnity.** The Developer shall indemnify the City and its elected boards, commissions, officers, agents and employees and will hold and save them and each of them harmless from any and all actions, suits, claims, liabilities, losses, damages, penalties, obligations and expenses (including but not limited to attorneys’ fees and costs) against the City and/or Agent for any such Claims or Litigation (as defined in Section 1.10) and shall be responsible for any judgment arising therefrom. The City shall provide the Developer with notice of the pendency of such action and shall request that the Developer defend such action. The Developer may utilize the City Attorney’s office or use legal counsel of its choosing, but shall reimburse the City for any necessary legal cost incurred by City. The Developer shall provide a deposit in the amount of 150% of the City’s estimate, in its sole and
absolute discretion, of the cost of litigation, including the cost of any award of attorneys fees, and shall make additional deposits as requested by City to keep the deposit at such level. The City may ask for further security in the form of a deed of trust to land of equivalent value. If the Developer fails to provide or maintain the deposit, the City may abandon the action and the Developer shall pay all costs resulting therefrom and City shall have no liability to the Developer. The Developer’s obligation to pay the cost of the action, including judgment, shall extend until judgment. After judgment in a trial court, the parties must mutually agree as to whether any appeal will be taken or defended. The Developer shall have the right, within the first 30 days of the service of the complaint, in its sole and absolute discretion, to determine that it does not want to defend any litigation attacking this Agreement or the Development Approvals in which case the City shall allow the Developer to settle the litigation on whatever terms the Developer determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, but Developer shall confer with City before acting and cannot bind City. In that event, the Developer shall be liable for any costs incurred by the City up to the date of settlement but shall have no further obligation to the City beyond the payment of those costs. In the event of an appeal, or a settlement offer, the Parties shall confer in good faith as to how to proceed. Notwithstanding the Developer’s indemnity for claims and litigation, the City retains the right to settle any litigation brought against it in its sole and absolute discretion and the Developer shall remain liable except as follows: (i) the settlement would reduce the scope of the Project by 10% or more, and (ii) the Developer opposes the settlement. In such case the City may still settle the litigation but shall then be responsible for its own litigation expense but shall bear no other liability to the Developer.

15.4 Hold Harmless: Developer’s Construction and Other Activities. The Developer shall defend, save and hold the City and its elected and appointed boards, commissions, officers, agents, and employees harmless from any and all claims, costs (including attorneys’ fees) and liability for any damages, personal injury or death, which may arise, directly or indirectly, from the Developer’s or the Developer’s agents, contractors, subcontractors, agents, or employees’ operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by the Developer or by any of the Developer’s agents, contractors or subcontractors or by any one or more persons directly or indirectly employed by or acting as agent for the Developer or any of the Developer’s agents, contractors or subcontractors. Nothing herein is intended to make the Developer liable for the acts of the City’s officers, employees, agents, contractors of subcontractors.

15.5 Survival of Indemnity Obligations. All indemnity provisions set forth in this Agreement shall survive termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the City’s Default.

16. EFFECT OF AGREEMENT ON TITLE.

16.1 Covenant Run with the Land. Subject to the provisions of Sections 14 and 18 and pursuant to the Development Agreement Statute (§ 65868.5):

A. All of the provisions, agreements, rights, powers, standards, terms, covenants and obligations contained in this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties and their respective heirs, successors (by merger, consolidation, or otherwise) and assigns, devisees, administrators, representatives, lessees, and all other persons acquiring
any rights or interests in the Developer’s Property, or any portion thereof, whether by operation of laws or in any manner whatsoever and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective heirs, successors (by merger, consolidation or otherwise) and assigns;

B. All of the provisions of this Agreement shall be enforceable as equitable servitudes and constitute covenants running with the land pursuant to applicable law; and

C. Each covenant to do or refrain from doing some act on the Developer’s Property hereunder (i) is for the benefit of and is a burden upon every portion of the Developer’s Property, (ii) runs with such lands, and (iii) is binding upon each party and each successive owner during its ownership of such properties or any portion thereof, and each person having any interest therein derived in any manner through any owner of such lands, or any portion thereof, and each other person succeeding to an interest in such lands.

17. CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: NON-DISCRIMINATION.

17.1 Non-liability of City Officers and Employees. No official, agent, contractor, or employee of the City shall be personally liable to the Developer, or any successor in interest, in the event of any default or breach by the City or for any amount which may become due to the Developer or to its successor, or for breach of any obligation of the terms of this Agreement.

17.2 Conflict of Interest. No officer or employee of the City shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement nor shall any such officer or employee participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects the financial interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which he or she is, directly or indirectly, interested, in violation of any state statute or regulation.

17.3 Covenant Against Discrimination. The Developer covenants that, by and for itself, its heirs, executors, assigns, and all persons claiming under or through them, that there shall be no discrimination against or segregation of, any person or group of persons on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, or ancestry in the performance of this Agreement. The Developer shall take affirmative action to insure that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, creed religion, sex, marital status, national origin or ancestry.

18. MORTGAGEE PROTECTION.

18.1 Definitions. As used in this Section, the term “mortgage” shall include any mortgage, whether a leasehold mortgage or otherwise, deed of trust, or other security interest, or sale and lease-back, or any other form of conveyance for financing. The term “holder” shall include the holder of any such mortgage, deed of trust, or other security interest, or the lessor under a lease-back, or the grantee under any other conveyance for financing.

18.2 No Encumbrances Except Mortgages to Finance the Project. Notwithstanding the restrictions on transfer in Section 14, mortgages required for any reasonable method of financing of the construction of the improvements are permitted but only for the
following: (i) for the purpose of securing loans of funds used or to be used for financing the acquisition of a separate lot(s) or parcel(s), (ii) for the construction of improvements thereon, in payment of interest and other financing costs, and (iii) for any other expenditures necessary and appropriate to develop the Project under this Agreement, or for restructuring or refinancing any for same. No map permitted herein, even if for financing purposes, shall permit financing for other than purposes of developing the Project solely. The Developer (or any entity permitted to acquire title under this Agreement) shall notify the City in advance of any future mortgage or any extensions or modifications thereof. Any lender which has so notified the City shall not be bound by any amendment, implementation, or modification to this Agreement without such lender giving its prior written consent thereto. In any event, the Developer shall promptly notify the City of any mortgage, encumbrance, or lien that has been created or attached thereto prior to completion of construction, whether by voluntary act of the Developer or otherwise.

18.3 Developer’s Breach Not Defeat Mortgage Lien. The Developer’s breach of any of the covenants or restrictions contained in this Agreement shall not defeat or render void the lien of any mortgage made in good faith and for value but, unless otherwise provided herein, the terms, conditions, covenants, restrictions, easements, and reservations of this Agreement shall be binding and effective against the holder of any such mortgage whose interest is acquired by foreclosure, trustee’s sale or otherwise.

18.4 Holder Not Obligated to Construct or Complete Improvements. The holder of any mortgage shall in no way be obligated by the provisions of this Agreement to construct or complete the improvements or to guarantee such construction or completion. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to permit or authorize any such holder to devote the Project or any portion thereof to any uses, or to construct any improvements thereon, other than those uses or improvements provided for or authorized by this Agreement.

18.5 Notice of Default to Mortgagee. Whenever the City shall deliver any notice or demand to the Developer with respect to any breach or default by the Developer hereunder, the City shall at the same time deliver a copy of such notice or demand to each holder of record of any mortgage who has previously made a written request to the City therefor, or to the representative of such lender as may be identified in such a written request by the lender. No notice of default shall be effective as to the holder unless such notice is given.

18.6 Right to Cure. Each holder (insofar as the rights of City are concerned) shall have the right, at its option, within ninety (90) days after the receipt of the notice, and one hundred twenty (120) days after the Developer’s cure rights have expired, whichever is later, to:

A. Obtain possession, if necessary, and to commence and diligently pursue the cure until the same is completed, and

B. Add the cost of said cure to the security interest debt and the lien or obligation on its security interest;

provided that, in the case of a default which cannot with diligence be remedied or cured within such cure periods referenced above in this Section 18.6, such holder shall have additional time as reasonably necessary to remedy or cure such default.
In the event there is more than one such holder, the right to cure or remedy a breach or default of the Developer under this Section shall be exercised by the holder first in priority or as the holders may otherwise agree among themselves, but there shall be only one exercise of such right to cure and remedy a breach or default of the Developer under this Section.

No holder shall undertake or continue the construction or completion of the improvements (beyond the extent necessary to preserve or protect the improvements or construction already made) without first having expressly assumed the Developer’s obligations to the City by written agreement satisfactory to City with respect to the Project or any portion thereof in which the holder has an interest. The holder must agree to complete, in the manner required by this Agreement, the improvements to which the lien or title of such holder relates, and submit evidence satisfactory to the City that it has the qualifications and financial responsibility necessary to perform such obligations.

18.7 City’s Rights upon Failure of Holder to Complete Improvements. In any case where one hundred eighty (180) days after default by the Developer in completion of construction of improvements under this Agreement, the holder of any mortgage creating a lien or encumbrance upon the Project or portion thereof has not exercised the option to construct afforded in this Section or, if it has exercised such option and has not proceeded diligently with construction, the City may, after ninety (90) days’ notice to such holder and if such holder has not exercised such option to construct within said ninety (90) day period, purchase the mortgage, upon payment to the holder of an amount equal to the sum of the following:

A. The unpaid mortgage, debt plus any accrued and unpaid interest (less all appropriate credits, including those resulting from collection and application of rentals and other income received during foreclosure proceedings, if any);

B. All expenses, incurred by the holder with respect to foreclosure, if any;

C. The net expenses (exclusive of general overhead), incurred by the holder as a direct result of the ownership or management of the applicable portion of the Project, such as insurance premiums or real estate taxes, if any;

D. The costs of any improvements made by such holder, if any; and

E. An amount equivalent to the interest that would have accrued on the aggregate of such amounts had all such amounts become part of the mortgage debt and such debt had continued in existence to the date of payment by the City.

If the City has not purchased the mortgage within ninety (90) days of the expiration of the ninety (90) days referred to above, then the right of the City to purchase shall expire.

In the event that the holder does not exercise its option to construct afforded in this Section, and if the City elects not to purchase the mortgage of holder, upon written request by the holder to the City, the City shall use reasonable efforts to assist the holder in selling the holder’s interest to a qualified and responsible party or parties (as determined by City), who shall assume
the obligations of making or completing the improvements required to be constructed by the Developer, or such other improvements in their stead as shall be satisfactory to the City. The proceeds of such a sale shall be applied first to the holder of those items specified in subparagraphs A through E hereinabove and any balance remaining thereafter shall be applied as follows:

1. First, to reimburse the City for all costs and expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the City, including, but not limited to, payroll expenses, management expenses, legal expenses, and others;

2. Second, to reimburse the City for all payments made by City to discharge any other encumbrances or liens on the applicable portion of the Project or to discharge or prevent from attaching or being made any subsequent encumbrances or liens due to obligations, defaults, or acts of the Developer, its successors or transferees;

3. Third, to reimburse the City for all costs and expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the City, in connection with its efforts assisting the holder in selling the holder’s interest in accordance with this Section; and

4. Fourth, any balance remaining thereafter shall be paid to the Developer.

18.8 Right of City to Cure Mortgage Default. In the event of a default or breach by the Developer (or entity permitted to acquire title under this Section) prior to completion of the Project or the applicable portion thereof, and the holder of any such mortgage has not exercised its option to complete the development, the City may cure the default prior to completion of any foreclosure. In such event, the City shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Developer or other entity of all costs and expenses incurred by the City in curing the default, to the extent permitted by law, as if such holder initiated such claim for reimbursement, including legal costs and attorneys’ fees, which right of reimbursement shall be secured by a lien upon the applicable portion of the Project to the extent of such costs and disbursements. Any such lien shall be subject to:

A. Any Mortgage; and

B. Any rights or interests provided in this Agreement for the protection of the holders of such Mortgages;

provided that nothing herein shall be deemed to impose upon the City any affirmative obligations (by the payment of money, construction or otherwise) with respect to the Project in the event of its enforcement of its lien.

18.9 Right of the City to Satisfy Other Liens on the Developer’s Property After Conveyance of Title. After the conveyance of title and prior to completion of construction and development, and after the Developer has had a reasonable time to challenge, cure, or satisfy any liens or encumbrances on the Project, the City shall have the right to satisfy any such liens or encumbrances; provided, however, that nothing in this Agreement shall require the Developer to
pay or make provision for the payment of any tax, assessment, lien or charge so long as the Developer in good faith shall contest the validity or amount thereof, and so long as such delay in payment shall not subject the Project or any portion thereof to forfeiture or sale.

19. **MISCELLANOUS.**

19.1 **Estoppel Certificates.** Either Party (or a Mortgagee under Section 18) may at any time deliver written notice to the other Party requesting an Estoppel Certificate stating:

A. The Agreement is in full force and effect and is a binding obligation of the Parties;

B. The Agreement has not been amended or modified either orally or in writing or, if so amended, identifying the amendments; and

C. There are no existing defaults under the Agreement to the actual knowledge of the party signing the Estoppel Certificate.

A Party receiving a request for an Estoppel Certificate shall provide a signed certificate to the requesting Party within thirty (30) days after receipt of the request. The Planning Director may sign Estoppel Certificates on behalf of the City. An Estoppel Certificate may be relied on by assignees and Mortgagees. The Estoppel Certificate shall be substantially in the same form as Exhibit “C.”

19.2 **Force Majeure.** The time within which the Developer or the City shall be required to perform any act under this Agreement shall be extended by a period of time equal to the number of days during which performance of such act is delayed due to war, insurrection, strikes, lock-outs, riots, floods, earthquakes, fires, casualties, natural disasters, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, freight embargoes, governmental restrictions on priority, initiative or referendum, moratoria, processing with governmental agencies other than the City, unusually severe weather, third party litigation as described in Section 15.3 above, or any other similar causes beyond the control or without the fault of the Party claiming an extension of time to perform. An extension of time for any such cause shall be for the period of the enforced delay and shall commence to run from the time of the commencement of the cause, if written notice by the party claiming such extension is sent to the other Party within thirty (30) days of knowledge of the commencement of the cause. Any act or failure to act on the part of a Party shall not excuse performance by that Party.

19.3 **Interpretation.**

19.3.1. **Construction of Development Agreement.** The language of this Agreement shall be construed as a whole and given its fair meaning. The captions of the sections and subsections are for convenience only and shall not influence construction. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. This Agreement shall not be deemed to constitute the surrender or abrogation of the City’s governmental powers over the Developer’s Property.
19.3.2. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and this Agreement supersedes all previous negotiations, discussions, and agreements between the Parties. No parol evidence of any prior or other agreement shall be permitted to contradict or vary the terms of this Agreement.

19.3.3. **Recitals.** The recitals in this Agreement constitute part of this Agreement and each Party shall be entitled to rely on the truth and accuracy of each recital as an inducement to enter into this Agreement.

19.3.4. **Mutual Covenants.** The covenants contained herein are mutual covenants and also constitute conditions to the concurrent or subsequent performance by the Party benefitted thereby of the covenants to be performed hereunder by such benefitted Party.

19.4 **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is adjudged invalid, void or unenforceable, that provision shall not affect, impair, or invalidate any other provision, unless such judgment affects a material part of this Agreement in which case the parties shall comply with the procedures set forth in Section 15.3.3 above.

19.5 **Joint and Several Obligations.** All obligations and liabilities of the Developer hereunder shall be joint and several among the obligees.

19.6 **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** The only Parties to this Agreement are the Developer and the City and their successor and assigns. There are no third party beneficiaries and this Agreement is not intended, and shall not be construed, to benefit or be enforceable by any other person whatsoever.

19.7 **Notice.**

19.7.1. **To Developer.** Any notice required or permitted to be given by the City to the Developer under this Development Agreement shall be in writing and delivered personally to the Developer or mailed, with postage fully prepaid, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

Pardee Homes.
10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1900
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Attention: Legal department

With a copy to:

Kenneth B. Bley, Esq.
Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP
2049 Century Park East, 28th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90067-3284

or such other address as the Developer may designate in writing to the City.
19.7.2. To the City. Any notice required or permitted to be given by the Developer to the City under this Development Agreement shall be in writing and delivered personally to the City Clerk or mailed with postage fully prepaid, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

City of Banning  
99 E. Ramsey Street  
Banning, CA 92220  
Attention: Planning Director

With a copy to:

David J. Aleshire, Esq., City Attorney  
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP  
18881 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 400  
Irvine, California 92612

or such other address as the City may designate in writing to the Developer.

Notices provided pursuant to this Section shall be deemed received at the date of delivery as shown on the affidavit of personal service or the Postal Service receipt.

19.8 Relationship of Parties. It is specifically understood and acknowledged by the Parties that the Project is a private development, that neither Party is acting as the agent of the other in any respect hereunder, and that each Party is an independent contracting entity with respect to the terms, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement. The only relationship between the City and the Developer is that of a government entity regulating the development of private property and the owner of such private property.

19.9 Attorney’s Fees. If either Party to this Agreement is required to initiate or defend litigation against the other Party, the prevailing party in such action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief which may be granted, whether legal or equitable, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney’s fees. Attorney’s fees shall include attorney’s fees on any appeal, and, in addition, a Party entitled to attorney’s fees shall be entitled to all other reasonable costs for investigating such action, taking depositions and discovery and all other necessary costs the court allows which are incurred in such litigation. All such fees shall be deemed to have accrued on commencement of such action and shall be enforceable whether or not such action is prosecuted to a final judgment.

19.10 Further Actions and Instruments. Each of the Parties shall cooperate with and provide reasonable assistance to the other to the extent necessary to implement this Agreement. Upon the request of either Party at any time, the other Party shall promptly execute, with acknowledgment or affidavit if reasonably required, and file or record such required instruments and writings and take any actions as may be reasonably necessary to implement this Agreement or to evidence or consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

19.11 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence in:
A. The performance of the provisions of this Agreement as to which time is an element; and

B. The resolution of any dispute which may arise concerning the obligations of the Developer and the City as set forth in this Agreement.

19.12 **Waiver.** Failure by a Party to insist upon the strict performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement by the other Party, or the failure by a Party to exercise its rights upon the default of the other Party, shall not constitute a waiver of such Party’s right to insist and demand strict compliance by the other Party with the terms of this Agreement thereafter.

19.13 **Execution.**

19.13.1. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed by the parties in counterparts which counterparts shall be construed together and have the same effect as if all of the Parties had executed the same instrument.

19.13.2. **Recording.** The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Agreement to be executed by the City and recorded in the Official Records of Riverside County no later than ten (10) days after the Effective Date (Gov’t Code § 65868.5). The recordation of this Agreement is deemed a ministerial act and the failure of the City to record the Agreement as required by this Section and the Development Agreement Statute does not make this Agreement void or ineffective.

19.13.3. **Authority to Execute.** The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the Parties hereto warrant that (i) such Party is duly organized and existing, (ii) they are duly authorized to sign and deliver this Agreement on behalf of the Party he or she represents, (iii) by so executing this Agreement, such Party is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement, (iv) the entering into of this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which the Party is bound and (v) there is no litigation or legal proceeding which would prevent the Parties from entering into this Agreement.

(Signatures on the next page.)
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Developer have executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

CITY OF BANNING

BY: ____________________________

MAYOR

ATTEST:

______________________________

CITY CLERK

Approved as to form

______________________________

City Attorney

“DEVELOPER”

PARDEE HOMES, a California corporation

BY: ____________________________

President

BY: ____________________________

Secretary
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  )
COUNTY OF ___________  ) ss

On ____________________, ________, before me ____________________, personally
appeared ______________________________, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory
evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged
to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature
on the instrument, the person or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the
instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that
the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

_______________________________
Notary Signature
(SEAL)

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EXHIBIT “A”
MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPER’S PROPERTY
EXHIBIT “A”
PARDEE BANNING PROPERTY

BUTTERFIELD
SPECIFIC PLAN
AN AMENDMENT OF BUTTERFIELD SPECIFIC PLAN
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
EXHIBIT “B”
EXISTING DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS/FEE STUDIES

General Plan Amendment No. 11-2501
Zone Change No. 11-3501
Butterfield Specific Plan
Development Agreement

DEVELOPMENT FEE STUDIES IN PROCESS

General Facilities Fee
Fire Facilities Fee
Police Facilities Fee
Traffic Control Fee
Park Land Fee
Road and Bridge Fee
Recycled Water Fee
Water Connection
Waste Water Connection (Collection Fee and Frontage Fee)
Emergency Shelter Fee
EXHIBIT “C”
ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE

Date Requested: ______________________

Date of Certificate: ______________________

On __________________, 2012, the City of Banning approved the Development Agreement between Pardee Homes, a California corporation and the City of Banning (the “Development Agreement”).

This Estoppel Certificate certifies that, as of the Date of Certificate set forth above:

[CHECK WHERE APPLICABLE]

____ 1. The Development Agreement remains binding and effective.

____ 2. The Development has not been amended.

____ 3. The Development Agreement has been amended in the following aspects:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

____ 4. To the best of our knowledge, neither Developer nor any of its successors is in default under the Development Agreement.

____ 5. The following defaults exist under the Development Agreement:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

This Estoppel Certificate may be relied upon by an transferee or mortgagee of any interest in the property which is the subject of the Development Agreement.

CITY OF BANNING

BY: ______________________

PLANNING DIRECTOR
EXHIBIT “D”
DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

NEW PAGES TO BE INSERTED
## Development Impact Fees

### Current Fee

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**Fire Facilities**

**Residential**

- Single Family Detached: $1,335.00 per unit, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Townhouse/Duplex: $1,335.00 per unit, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Multi-Family: $1,335.00 per unit, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Mobile Home: $1,335.00 per unit, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006

**Nonresidential**

- Com/Shopping Ctr 50,000 SF or less: $579.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Com/Shopping Ctr 50,001 - 100,000 SF: $506.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Com/Shopping Ctr 100,001 - 200,000 SF: $450.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Com/Shopping Ctr over 200,001 SF: $405.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Office/Inst 25,000 SF or less: $841.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Office/Inst 25,001 - 50,000 SF: $792.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Office/Inst 50,001 - 100,000 SF: $748.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Medical - Dental Office: $821.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Hospital: $685.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Business Park: $640.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Light Industrial: $468.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Manufacturing: $363.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Warehousing: $259.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Elementary School: $186.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006

**Other Nonresidential**

- Lodging: $144.00 per room, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Day Care: $32.00 per student, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Nursing Home: $73.00 per bed, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006

**Police Facilities**

**Residential**

- Single Family Detached: $823.00 per unit, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Townhouse/Duplex: $626.00 per unit, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Multi-Family: $913.00 per unit, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Mobile Home: $500.00 per unit, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006

**Nonresidential**

- Com/Shopping Ctr 50,000 SF or less: $472.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Com/Shopping Ctr 50,001 - 100,000 SF: $413.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Com/Shopping Ctr 100,001 - 200,000 SF: $358.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Com/Shopping Ctr over 200,001 SF: $307.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Office/Inst 25,000 SF or less: $192.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Office/Inst 25,001 - 50,000 SF: $164.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Office/Inst 50,001 - 100,000 SF: $140.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Medical - Dental Office: $379.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Hospital: $184.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Business Park: $134.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Light Industrial: $73.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Manufacturing: $40.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Warehousing: $52.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006
- Elementary School: $152.00 per 1,000 SF, Reso. 2006-075, 8/8/2006

**Other Nonresidential**

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EXHIBIT “E”
ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT

In addition to the other terms and conditions concerning the City’s assistance to the Project, the City shall accommodate and expedite the development of the Developer’s Property as follows:

1.0 CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS

1.1 Provision of Utility Connections. The City shall provide, at the Developer’s expense, any necessary temporary and permanent utility connections requested by the Developer for power, water service and sewer service prior to recordation of final map.

1.2 Allowance of Transformers. The City shall allow the setting of transformers without requiring adjacent streets to be fully paved. It is anticipated that 6’ feet of curb and gutter will be placed adjacent to the transformer to ensure correct elevation of the transformer pad. In the event that the location or elevation change, the Developer shall incur the full costs of relocation of both the curb and transformer.

1.3 Temporary Water Pipes. Temporary above ground pipes for construction water and temporary fire hydrants will be acceptable for model and production homes prior to the first certificate of occupancy in the construction phase being developed.

1.4 Provision of Construction Water. The City shall provide “jumpers” or temporary construction water at the City’s normal rate.

1.5 Temporary Use of City Sewer System. The City shall allow the temporary connection of construction trailers to the permanent City sewer system.

1.6 Temporary Use of City Water System. The City shall allow temporary connection of construction trailers to the permanent City water system, provided that all required backflow devices are installed to protect the integrity of the system.

2.0 MAINTAINENCE

2.1 Maintenance of Construction Activities. The Developer shall contract directly for all work required for the maintenance of construction related activities, including but not limited to recycling of construction materials, erosion control, temporary fence installation, and temporary power installation. The selection and retention of the contractor, subcontractor or other person or entity to do such work shall be made by the Developer in its sole and absolute discretion. Trash removal will be coordinated directly with City franchisee. In regards to recycled materials, the Developer will produce for the City, at its request, a manifest to confirm the location, type and amount of materials recycled.
3.0  STREETS

3.1  **Timing of Street Paving.** The Developer shall be allowed to begin construction of model and production homes without first paving streets. Paved streets shall be required as a condition for the issuance of the certificate of occupancy for the first production home in each construction phase. The Developer shall install all-weather access for construction and emergency personnel, which, during dry months, may, include maintained dirt roads.

3.1  **Final Lift of Pavement.** The City shall allow the installation of the final 1” of asphalt pavement through coordination with the Developer and the City’s Public Works officials. If the final 1” of pavement is installed early in the Development of specific in-tract or on backbone streets, and if no structural failures have occurred within the street system, the City may require a fog coat seal prior to exoneration of any outstanding bonds.

4.0  GRADING/DRAINAGE

4.1  **At Risk Grading.** After the first plan check comments on either the rough or mass grading plans are received by the Developer, the City shall allow the Developer to begin grading operations for the area that is the subject of the plan check. The Developer acknowledges that any changes that may be required by the City will be made at the sole expense of the Developer.

4.2  **Erosion Control.** The Developer shall Develop the Developer’s Property in such a way as to confine all storm water within the Project and shall, do so in a manner which adequately protects all construction within the Project. The Developer shall prepare an erosion control plan that will demonstrate methods that may be incorporated in the Development of the Project to protect downstream watersheds. The Developer shall manage and determine when erosion control measures need to be installed and maintained, but Developer shall comply with any order of City.

4.3  **Drainage.** Reverse lot drainage on lots that back up to open space, the Golf Course or parks shall be allowed provided that these areas are privately maintained by the Property Owners Association.

5.0  DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS

5.1  **Lot Line Adjustments.** In the event that lot line adjustments are required for model complexes or adjustments to open space lots after the recordation of a final map, the City shall review the requested adjustment over the counter with City Engineering staff and the Developer or the Developer’s representative. This will not be allowed for the construction of regular production homes.

5.2  **Rear Residential Slopes.** The Developer shall stabilize according to the City Grading and Landscape Ordinance the rear slope of all residential Lots prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy but shall not be required to landscape and/or irrigate the slopes. It is the intention that rear yard landscaping will be required and installed within the time specified in the CCC & R’s by the homeowner.
5.3 Use of Joint Trenches. The City shall allow the Developer, to utilize joint trenches if it deems it necessary for Internet capabilities and/or telecommunication purposes.

5.4 Curbs. The construction of wedge, rolled curb, or mountable curbs within residential and multifamily zoned Planning Areas shall be permitted at the Developer’s sole and absolute discretion.

6.0 GOLF COURSE

6.1 Golf Course/Active Open Space Drainage Facilities. It is the Developer’s intention that the flood control facilities proposed within this area will be constructed consistent with all applicable design standards for such facilities with their maintenance being the responsibility of the either the POA, the operator of the Golf Course, the Developer or the City and not the responsibility of the Riverside County Flood Control District (the “RCFCD”) unless the facility has been identified as a Drainage Master Plan Facility by RCFCD.

6.2 Golf Course Water. The financial viability of the Golf Course will be dependent upon the costs to operate and maintain the Golf Course. The City shall provide water to the Project at a per unit rate not to exceed the cost highest tiered rate for irrigation water for the Golf Course for the Term of this Agreement.

7.0 PERMITTING

7.1 Fire Sprinkler Inspections. The City’s Building and Safety Division shall serve as Special Fire Marshall for this project. Building and Safety shall be responsible for enforcing the then applicable provisions of the California Fire Code, and the California Building Standards Codes.

7.2 Bond Exoneration. Upon request by the Developer, the City shall generate a one-time punch list of items required for the full or partial exoneration of all Project-related improvement bonds, for improvements both within and outside of the Property. The City shall, within 5 days of receipt of a written request from the Developer, provide an inspector to determine if the punch list items have been corrected. Once it has been determined that they have been corrected, the City shall expeditiously exonerate the bonds, partially or fully, as applicable. No additional punch lists shall be generated once an improvement has been inspected and a punch list generated.

7.3 Building Permit Refunds. If a Building Permit has expired without construction having started on the structure for which the Building Permit was issued, the Developer shall be entitled to a refund of the building permit fee less 20% for an administrative fee. No refund will be provided if the request for the refund has not been provided to the City within 30 days of the Building Permit’s expiration.
8.0 PREVAILING WAGES

The Developer shall pay prevailing wages in connection with the construction of the Project as required by law. To the extent that it is determined that Developer has not paid, or does not pay, prevailing wages required by law for any portion of the Project, Developer shall defend and hold the City harmless from and against any and all increase in construction costs, or other liability, loss, damage, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) arising from or as a result of any action or determination that the Developer failed to pay prevailing wages in connection with the construction of the Project.

Developer acknowledges and agrees that should any third party, including but not limited to the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”), require Developer or any of its contractors or subcontractors to pay the general prevailing wage rates of per diem wages and overtime and holiday wages determined by the Director of the DIR under Prevailing Wage Law, then Developer shall indemnify, defend, and hold City harmless from any such determinations, or actions (whether legal, equitable, or administrative in nature) or other proceedings, and shall assume all obligations and liabilities for the payment of such wages and for compliance with the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Law. The City makes no representation that any construction or Site uses to be undertaken by Developer are or are not subject to Prevailing Wage Law.

9.0 COST OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Developer has previously deposited approximately $100,000 with the City to pay all the City’s outside consulting costs, costs of the environmental and legal review, and costs to process and obtain the Development Approvals, including this Agreement. As of March 1, such costs in aggregate exceed the amount deposited by $90,000, and additional cost of $10,000 are anticipated by the end of the approval process. Accordingly, before this Development Agreement shall be approved by the City Council, Developer shall deposit ___ in good money with the City’s Finance Director.
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BUTTERFIELD PROJECT FINANCING PLAN

This Financing Plan sets forth the basic terms and conditions pursuant to which City and Developer will cooperate to establish one or more CFD(s) and designate Improvement Areas therein pursuant to the CFD Act to finance the Eligible Facilities in connection with the Project and to levy the Services Special Tax. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Financing Plan shall be defined as provided in the Development Agreement.

1. Goals and Policies for Financing. The City will adopt general Goals and Policies for establishing CFDs. The Goals and Policies for Financing shall apply on a City-wide basis and may be amended from time to time. This Financing Plan shall be consistent with the City’s Goals and Policies for Financing. The principal objectives of this Financing Plan are to:

   a. Provide City and Developer reasonable certainty that each CFD will be established in accordance with the Goals and Policies and this Financing Plan.

   b. Provide basic parameters for the levy of (i) the Facilities Special Tax (defined below) within each CFD or Improvement Area to pay directly for Eligible Facilities and to secure the issuance of bonds of each CFD or Improvement Area secured by and payable from the Facilities Special Tax in order to finance the Eligible Facilities (“Bonds”) and (ii) the Services Special Tax.

   c. Provide basic parameters for the issuance of Bonds by or for the CFD(s) and any Improvement Areas therein.

2. Formation. City shall initiate proceedings to establish a CFD, upon Developer’s petition request pursuant to the CFD Act and submittal of City’s standard application form and receipt of an advance from Developer in an amount determined by City to pay for City’s estimated costs to be incurred in undertaking the proceedings to establish the CFD (“Formation Proceeding Costs”). City agrees that all such advances for Formation Proceedings Costs so long as the costs are reasonable and not due to the actions of developer, incurred in connection with the formation of such CFD shall be eligible for reimbursement out of the first available proceeds of Surplus Special Taxes (defined below) and Bonds of the CFD and/or Facilities Special Taxes to the extent approved by the City’s Bond Counsel (“CFD Proceeds”). The exact terms and conditions for the advance of funds by Developer and the reimbursement of such advances shall be memorialized in a separate agreement between City and Developer. City agrees to use its best efforts to complete the proceedings to form each CFD and record the notice of special tax lien for the CFD and each Improvement Area therein within 210 days after City’s receipt of Developer’s complete application and deposit.

3. Boundaries. The CFD boundary, or the boundaries of all CFDs if more than one is formed, shall encompass the Project. Each CFD may contain multiple Improvement Areas based on phasing of the Project within the CFD.
4. **Eligible Public Facilities and Discrete Components.** Subject to the City’s adopted Goals and Policies for Financing, and review by Bond Counsel, conditions set forth in the following paragraph, City may authorize the CFDs to finance the acquisition or construction of the Eligible Facilities, which may include the following:

a. public streets and other related improvements within the public right-of-way

b. water facilities

c. storm drain facilities

d. sewer facilities

e. public parks, open space and landscaping

f. electrical facilities to be extent reasonable

g. any public facility to be constructed by City for which Developer is required to make a cash contribution pursuant to the Project’s conditions of approval or this Agreement or which is included in any City capital improvement fee program and which public facility is to be owned by the City, subject to credit against the corresponding fee.

The costs of any Eligible Facility to be constructed by Developer that are eligible to be financed with CFD Proceeds (“**Actual Costs**”) shall include the following if permissible under the Act:

(i) The actual hard costs for the construction or the value of the Proposed Eligible Facility, including labor, materials and equipment costs;

(ii) The costs of grading related to the Eligible Facility;

(iii) The costs incurred in designing, engineering and preparing the plans and specifications for the Eligible Facility;

(iv) The costs of environmental evaluation and mitigation of or relating to the Eligible Facility;

(v) Fees paid to governmental agencies for, and costs incurred in connection with, obtaining permits, licenses or other governmental approvals for the Eligible Facility;

(vi) Costs of construction administration and supervision;

(vii) Professional costs associated with the Eligible Facility, such as engineering, legal, accounting, inspection, construction staking, materials and testing and similar professional services; and

(viii) Costs of payment, performance and/or maintenance bonds and insurance costs directly related to the construction of the Eligible Facility.
Any other costs permitted by law.

The Eligible Facilities constructed by Developer, and for which Developer elects to submit payment requests, shall be bid, contracted for and constructed in accordance with the Acquisition Agreement to be entered into between City and Developer at the time of formation of the first CFD. The Acquisition Agreement shall provide additional detail, consistent with the provisions of the Goals and Policies for Financing and this Development Agreement, with respect to the acquisition and construction of the Eligible Facilities, including a more detailed description of the specific Eligible Facilities that will be eligible to be financed through the CFD and discrete components of each Eligible Facility that may be reimbursed prior to the completion of the entire Eligible Facility. The Acquisition Agreement will also provide additional detail with respect to the financing of the City’s construction of Eligible Facilities in satisfaction of corresponding City capital improvement fees, as elected by Developer. The CFD financing of the acquisition of an Eligible Facility constructed by Developer that is included in a City Capital improvement fee program or required by the Project conditions of approval, shall not preclude the Developer’s receipt of corresponding fee credits.

5. Financing Parameters. Each CFD shall be authorized to levy Facilities Special Taxes of each Improvement Area and issue Bonds of each CFD or Improvement Area in one or more series to finance the Eligible Facilities in accordance with the basic parameters set forth below:

a. A precondition to the issuance of Bonds shall be that the value of the real property subject to Facilities Special Taxes required to repay the Bonds shall be at least three times the amount of the Bonds.

b. Each series of Bonds shall have a term of at least thirty (30) years and include escalating annual debt service commensurate with any annual escalation in the Facilities Special Taxes.

c. The total effective tax rate within each Improvement Area applicable to any residential parcel on which a residential dwelling has or is to be constructed, taking into account all ad valorem property taxes, voter-approved ad valorem property taxes in excess of one percent (1%) of assessed value, the annual special taxes of existing community facilities districts and community facilities districts under consideration and reasonably expected to be established (but excluding the Services Special Tax), the annual assessments (including any administrative surcharge) of existing assessment districts and assessment districts under consideration and reasonably expected to be established (but excluding assessments for maintenance and services), and the Facilities Special Taxes, shall equal two percent (2.00%) of the projected initial sales price of the residential dwelling unit and such parcel, as estimated at the time of formation of the applicable CFD, or such lesser amount requested by Developer. The Facilities Special Taxes may escalate by up to 2% per year.