



Notice of Preparation
Draft Environmental Impact Report
Desert Retreat Specific Plan Project

July 18, 2022

From: Kevin Snyder, AICP
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The City of Indio (City) will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Desert Retreat Specific Plan Project (Project). The Project description and location, as well as the potential environmental effects proposed for study in the Draft EIR, are contained in the attached Initial Study. The Specific Plan is proposed to implement the City's General Plan for the approximate 377-acre site by allowing development of a master-planned residential community with recreation amenities and a multi-use trail system fostering connectivity with the surrounding communities. The proposed Specific Plan would allow development of up to 1,500 age-restricted active adult residential units.

The City needs to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by the City when considering any permits or other approvals for this Project. Comments are also invited from all other interested parties.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

A scoping meeting will be held on **July 28, 2022**, from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at **Shadow Hills High School** in Indio to provide an opportunity to learn more about this proposed Project and provide comments on the possible environmental effects the City should study in the EIR.

Please send your response to Kevin Snyder, the City's Community Development Director, at the address shown above. Please include the name, address, and other contact information for an agency representative who should receive future notices and correspondence related to this Project.

Documents Available For Public Review: The Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study are available for public review online at:

https://www.indio.org/your_government/development_services/hearing_notices.htm. Physical copies are located at Indio City Hall and Indio Public Library.

Thank you for participating in the City's environmental review of this proposed Project.

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