



# Imperial County Planning & Development Services Planning / Building

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DIRECTOR

## NOTICE OF INTENT

**NOTICE OF INTENT IS HERBY GIVEN** for the preparation of a  Negative Declaration  Mitigated Negative Declaration for Initial Study #21-0029 SMP Gold Corp (aka Oro Cruz) for Reclamation Plan #21-0001, a Mineral Exploration Project, pursuant to the *California Environmental Quality Act* and the County of Imperial's *Rules and Regulations to Implement California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as amended*.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department (ICPDS)

**APPLICANT:** SMP Gold Corp (aka Oro Cruz) Mining Exploration Project

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 2900 Ogilby Road, Winterhaven, Ca 92283, on BLM Lands, northwest of Yuma, Az

The project site  is  is not listed on any list under Government Code Section 65962.5.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes mineral exploration activities consisting of using existing access roads and improving some existing roads, as well as constructing a new temporary exploration drilling access road, up to eight (8) helicopter landing pads and sixty-five (65) drill pads to support exploration in seven (7) Drill Areas. The Project would also entail constructing a new permanent access road and 2.8-acre staging area for access to the Oro Cruz Portal on BLM lands. The total surface disturbance on BLM lands for the proposed Project activities is estimated at 21.3 acres.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** An Imperial County Planning Commission public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Administration Center (Board Room) located at 940 Main Street, El Centro, CA, 92243 to consider the adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, in conjunction with the proposed project.

**COMMENT PERIOD:** 12/13/22 to 1/20/23 at 5:00 p.m.

Comments will be accepted for the proposed project during this period. You may submit comments by mail, fax or email at [ICPDSCCommentLetters@co.imperial.ca.us](mailto:ICPDSCCommentLetters@co.imperial.ca.us). Only comments submitted during the specified period will be considered unless otherwise allowed under CEQA.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** All required documents for the project are available at the ICPDS office located at 801 Main St. El Centro, CA 92243 during normal working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Jim Minnick, Director  
Planning & Development Services

**Cover Sheet  
Assessment Form  
(County of Imperial)**

Initial Study #21-0029 (SMP Gold Corp; aka Oro Cruz) Date: 11/21/2022

Project type/name: Reclamation Plan #21-0001 (Oro Cruz), a Mineral Exploration Project

Applicant's name: SMP Gold Corp (aka Oro Cruz)

Applicant's address: 2900 Ogilby Rd, Winterhave, Ca 92283, on BLM Lands, northwest of Yuma, Az

Name of person preparing Initial Study: Michael Abraham, Assistant Director (via Stantec)

Signature of person preparing Initial Study: 

**I. Project Information**

- a. Assessor's Parcel Number: 050-110-006-000 et al
- b. Street address: 2900 Ogilby Road, Winterhaven, CA 92283
- c. Cross street: Ogilby Road and Union Pacific Railroad
- d. Township/Section/Range: Township 15 South, Range 20\21 East, SBBM
- e. Project area (acres) : +/- 21.3 Acres

**II. General Plan Consistency**

- a. General Plan Designation. Recreation\Open Space
- b. Is Project in an Urban area? No
- c. Name of Urban area. N/A
- d. Is Project within an adopted Specific Plan area? No
- e. Name of Specific Plan area. N/A
- f. Existing zoning. S-2 (Open Space\Preservation)
- g. Proposed zoning, if any. N/A
- h. Adjacent zoning. North, South, East and West S-2

- i. Is proposal consistent with the site's existing or proposed zoning? Yes  
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- j. Is proposal compatible with existing or surrounding zoning or can it be made compatible? Yes  
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- k. Is the proposal consistent with a Specific Plan for the area? N\A  
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- l. Is the proposal compatible with existing plans and planned surrounding land uses or can it be made compatible? Yes  
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- m. Is the proposal consistent with the land use designation and policies of the 1993 General Plan? Yes  
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**Comments:** (if any)

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