



# Imperial County Planning & Development Services Planning / Building

Jim Minnick  
DIRECTOR

## NOTICE OF INTENT

**NOTICE OF INTENT IS HERBY GIVEN** for the preparation of a  Negative Declaration  Mitigated Negative Declaration for Initial Study #24-0037, Imperial County Department of Public Works (Picacho Road Bridge Replacement 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:** Imperial County Department of Public Works (Picacho Road Bridge Replacement Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Picacho Road Bridge, Winterhaven, CA 92283

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

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant intends to replace the existing Picacho bridge which leads into the Townsite of Winterhaven, due to cracking and outliving its useful life. The existing timber bridge must be replaced to support commerce, continue access to the Quechan Reservation and the Bard community, as well as provide a safer crossing of the Yuma Main Canal. Therefore, Imperial County Department of Public Works has requested that an Initial Study (IS #24-0037) be prepared to environmentally assess potential impacts.

**COMMENT PERIOD:** 03/05/25 to 04/09/25 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 [ICPDSCommentLetters@co.imperial.ca.us](mailto:ICPDSCommentLetters@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

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


Initial Study #24-0037 (Picacho Road Bridge Replacement Project) Date: 03/05/2025

Project type/name: Initial Study #24-0037

Applicant's name: Imperial County Department of Public Works (Picacho Road Bridge Replacement Project)

Applicant's address: 155 S 11<sup>th</sup> St, El Centro, CA 92243

Name of person preparing Initial Study: Luis Bejarano, Planner I

Signature of person preparing Initial Study: 

**I. Project Information**

- a. Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 056-600-011-000
- b. Street address: Picacho Road Bridge, Winterhaven, CA 92283
- c. Cross street: Picacho Road
- d. Township/Section/Range: Township 16 South, Range 22 East, SBBM
- e. Project area (acres) : 2.8 Acres

**II. General Plan Consistency**

- a. General Plan Designation. Agriculture
- 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. NATIVE AMERICAN (NAT AMER)
- g. Proposed zoning, if any. N/A

- h. Adjacent zoning. North: NAR AMER, South: NAT AMER, East:  
NAT AMER and West: NAT AMER  

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- 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)

None.

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