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## **Planning Case Conditions**

Date: 11/22/21

City Case Number: TPM 37940, AR 20-03, CUP 321, CUP 322

Project Name: Fountainhead Plaza

Reviewed By: Chris Cox, Assistant Fire Marshal Fire Department Case Number: FPARC2000005 East Office of the Fire Marshal Responsibility

With respect to the conditions of approval for the referenced project, the Fire Department requires the following fire protection measures in accordance with Riverside County Ordinances and/or recognized fire protection standards:

- 1. Fire Hydrants and Fire Flow: Prior to the issuance of building permits, plans for the water system shall be submitted to the fire department for review and approval. The water system shall be capable of delivering the required fire flow. Based on the application, the largest proposed building is 4500 square feet. assuming construction type VB, with fire sprinklers, therefore the minimum required fire flow is 1000 gallons per minute at 20 psi for 2 hours. Fire hydrant location and spacing shall comply with the fire code. An approved water supply for fire protection during construction shall be made available prior to the arrival of combustible materials on site. Reference 2019 California Fire Code (CFC) 507.5.1, 3312, Appendices B and C.
- 2. Fire Department Access: Prior to building permit issuance, a fire access site plan shall be approved. Approved vehicle access, either permanent or temporary, shall be provided during construction. CFC 503.1.1, 3310.1 and 503.2.1
- 3. Requests for installation of traffic calming designs/devices on fire apparatus access roads shall be submitted and approved by the Office of the Fire Marshal. Ref. CFC 503.4.1
- 4. Phased Construction Access: If construction is phased, each phase shall provide approved access for fire protection prior to any construction. Ref. CFC 503.1
- 5. Construction Permits: Building construction plans and fuel dispensing plans shall be submitted to the Office of the Fire Marshal for review and approval. Final conditions will be addressed when these plans are reviewed. A copy of the fuel dispensing plans, approved by Riverside County Environmental Health Department, shall be provided to the Office of the Fire Marshal prior to permit issuance.
- 6. Hazardous Materials: Prior to building permit issuance, a hazardous materials inventory statement shall be provided to the Office of the Fire Marshal. Approved chemical classification forms and safety data sheets shall be provided with the hazardous materials inventory statement. Ref. CFC 5001.5.2

- 7. Fire Sprinkler System: All new commercial structures 3,600 square feet or larger shall be protected with a fire sprinkler system. Ref CFC 903.2 as amended by the City of Coachella.
- 8. Fire Alarm and Detection System: A water flow monitoring system and/or fire alarm system may be required and determined at time of building plan review. Ref. CFC 903.4, CFC 907.2 and NFPA 72
- 9. Knox Box and Gate Access: Buildings shall be provided with a Knox Box. The Knox Box shall be installed in an accessible location approved by the Office of the Fire Marshal. Ref. CFC 506.1
- 10. Addressing: All commercial buildings shall display street numbers in a prominent location on the street side of the premises and additional locations as required. Ref. CFC 505.1 and County of Riverside Office of the Fire Marshal Standard #07-01

If you have any questions or comments, then please contact me at 760-393-3386 or chris.cox@fire.ca.gov.





November 23, 2021

Mr. Gabriel Perez Director Development Services Department City of Coachella 1515 6th Street Coachella, CA 92236

SUBJECT: Fountainhead Plaza Phase 5 Project in Coachella, CA; CUP #346, CUP

#347, AR #21-12, AR #20-03 (modification), TPM #37940 (modification)

Dear Mr. Perez:

On November 3, 2021 the Imperial Irrigation District received from the City of Coachella Development Services Department, a request for agency comments on the the site, floor and elevation plans for the Fountainhead Plaza Phase 5 project; Conditional Use Permit #346, CUP #347 and Architectural Review #21-12 and modifications to AR #20-03 and Tentative Parcel Map #37940. The applicant, Coachella Retail Realty Associates, LP, proposes to develop 2.83 acres of an 8.25 acre property to include a 2,600 sq. ft. drive-thru restaurant (Panda Express), 2,050 sq. ft. drive-thru (Starbucks) and a 20,442 sq. ft. supermarket (Aldi) at the northeast corner of Cesar Chavez Street and First Street (APNs 778-020-007 and -010-017) in Coachella, CA.

The IID has reviewed the project information and has the following comments:

- 1. IID will not begin any studies, engineering or estimate costs to provide electrical service to the project until the applicant submits a customer project application (available at <a href="http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=12923">http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=12923</a> and detailed loading information, panel sizes, project schedule and estimated in-service date. Applicant shall bear all costs associated with providing electrical service to the project, including but not limited to the construction of any additional facilities needed to extend electrical service to the proposed development such as distribution backbone feeders, distribution overhead and/or underground line extensions, the re-configuration of distribution circuits, transmission line extensions or other upgrades as well as applicable permits, zoning changes, landscaping (if required by the City) and rights-of-way and easements.
- 2. However, based on the preliminary information provided to the IID, the district can accommodate the power requirements of the project by extending backbone distribution lines (conduit and cable) along First and Cesar Chavez Streets in the

frontage of the property from existing facilities on First Street and Harrison Street. The upgrade of existing underground conductor to connect to existing facilities on Avenue 50 and Grapefruit Boulevard is also required. The district's ability to provide service from existing infrastructure is based on currently available capacity, which may be impacted by future development in the area. It is important to note that a detailed and final study will be developed once a customer project application and loading calculations are received. This detailed information will allow IID to perform an accurate assessment and provide a full report of any potential impacts and mitigation measures. The conditions of service could change as a result of the additional studies.

- 3. Underground infrastructure that includes trenching, conduits, pull boxes, switch boxes and pads should be installed following IID approved plans. Physical field installation of underground infrastructures should be verified and approved by an IID inspector prior to cable installation as per IID Developer's Guide (available at the district website https://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=14229).
- 4. IID Regulations governing line extensions can be found at:
  - No. 2 (<a href="http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=2540">http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=2540</a>),
  - No. 13 (<a href="http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=2553">http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=2553</a>),
  - No. 15 (<a href="http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=2555">http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=2555</a>),
  - No. 20 (http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=2560) and
  - No. 23 (https://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=17897).
- 5. For additional information regarding electrical service for the project, the applicant should be advised to contact the IID Energy La Quinta Division Customer Operations, 81-600 Avenue 58 La Quinta, CA 92253, at (760) 398-5841 and speak with the project development planner assigned to the area.
- 6. It is important to note that IID's policy is to extend its electrical facilities only to those developments that have obtained the approval of a city or county planning commission and such other governmental authority or decision-making body having jurisdiction over said developments.
- 7. The applicant will be required to provide rights-of-way and easements for any power line extensions and overhead or underground infrastructure needed to serve the project.
- 8. Any construction or operation on IID property or within its existing and proposed right of way or easements including but not limited to: surface improvements such as proposed new streets, driveways, parking lots, landscape; and all water, sewer, storm water, or any other above ground or underground utilities; will require an encroachment permit, or encroachment agreement (depending on the circumstances). A copy of the IID encroachment permit application and instructions

for its completion are available at <a href="https://www.iid.com/about-iid/department-directory/real-estate">https://www.iid.com/about-iid/department-directory/real-estate</a>. The IID Real Estate Section should be contacted at (760) 339-9239 for additional information regarding encroachment permits or agreements.

- 9. Relocation of existing IID facilities to accommodate the project and/or to accommodate street widening improvements imposed by the City will be deemed project-driven and all costs, as well as securing of rights of way and easements for relocated facilities, shall be borne by the applicant.
- 10. Public utility easements over all private public roads and additional ten (10) feet in width on both side of the private and public roads shall be dedicated to IID for the construction, operation, and maintenance of its electrical infrastructure.
- 11. Any new, relocated, modified or reconstructed IID facilities required for and by the project (which can include but is not limited to electrical utility substations, electrical transmission and distribution lines, etc.) need to be included as part of the project's CEQA and/or NEPA documentation, environmental impact analysis and mitigation. Failure to do so will result in postponement of any construction and/or modification of IID facilities until such time as the environmental documentation is amended and environmental impacts are fully mitigated. Any mitigation necessary as a result of the construction, relocation and/or upgrade of IID facilities is the responsibility of the project proponent.
- 12. Dividing a project into two or more pieces and evaluating each piece in a separate environmental document (Piecemealing or Segmenting), rather than evaluating the whole of the project in one environmental document, is explicitly forbidden by CEQA, because dividing a project into a number of pieces would allow a Lead Agency to minimize the apparent environmental impacts of a project by evaluating individual pieces separately, each of which may have a less-than-significant impact on the environment, but which together may result in a significant impact. Segmenting a project may also hinder developing comprehensive mitigation strategies. In general, if an activity or facility is necessary for the operation of a project, or necessary to achieve the project objectives, or a reasonably foreseeable consequence of approving the project, then it should be considered an integral project component that should be analyzed within the environmental analysis. The project description should include all project components, including those that will have to be approved by responsible agencies. The State CEQA Guidelines define a project under CEQA as "the whole of the action" that may result either directly or indirectly in physical changes to the environment. This broad definition is intended to provide the maximum protection of the environment. CEQA case law has established general principles on project segmentation for different project types. For a project requiring construction of offsite infrastructure, the offsite infrastructure

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must be included in the project description. San Joaquin Raptor/Wildlife Rescue Center v. County of Stanislaus (1994) 27 Cal.App. 4th 713.

13. Applicant should be advised that landscaping can be dangerous if items are planted too close to IID's electrical equipment. In the event of an outage, or equipment failure, it is vital that IID personnel have immediate and safe access to its equipment to make the needed repairs. For public safety, and that of the electrical workers, it is important to adhere to standards that limit landscaping around electrical facilities. IID landscaping guidelines are available at <a href="https://www.iid.com/energy/vegetation-management">https://www.iid.com/energy/vegetation-management</a>.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (760) 482-3609 or at dvargas@iid.com. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Respectfully,

Donald Vargas

Compliance Administrator II