



STAFF REPORT 4/1/2026

TO: Planning Commission Chair and Commissioners

FROM: Kendra Reif, Community Development Director
Adrian Moreno, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing to Consider Resolution No. PC2026-10, Resolution No. PC2026-11, Resolution No. PC2026-12 and Resolution No. PC2026-13 of the Planning Commission of the City of Coachella for: (1) the recommendation of conditional approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 38943 for condominium purposes to allow the sale of individual storage units; (2) conditional approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 379 for the proposed mini storage and RV storage use, (3) conditional approval of Architectural Review No. 24-05 for the construction of an office clubhouse, nine storage buildings, and an industrial lease space; (4) conditional approval of Environmental Assessment No. 24-01 for the adoption of an Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration, for the Coachella Vault project located on an approximately 11 acre parcel at APN: 603-290-005; and determining that the project is compliant with Section 15063 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Applicant: Steve Myers, Coachella Vault LLC

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission open the public hearing, receive public testimony, and conditionally approve (1) the recommendation of conditional approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 38943 for condominium purposes to allow the sale of individual storage units; (2) conditional approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 379 for the proposed mini storage and RV storage use, (3) conditional approval of Architectural Review No. 24-05 for an office clubhouse, nine storage buildings, and an industrial lease space; (4) conditional approval of Environmental Assessment No. 24-01 for the adoption of an Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration, for the Coachella Vault project located on an approximately 11 acre parcel at APN: 603-290-005; and determining that the project is compliant with Section 15063 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

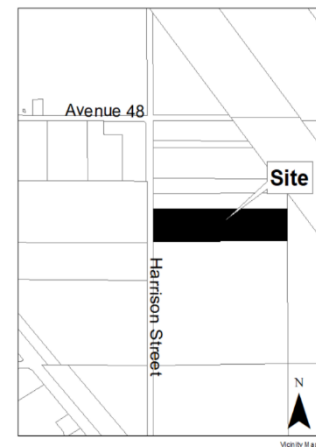


Figure 1 -Vicinity Map

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The applicant, Steve Myers on behalf of Coachella Vault, LLC., requests that the Planning Commission recommend conditional approval to the City Council of:

- **TTM No. 38943** for condominium purposes to allow the sale of individual storage units.

The applicant, Steve Myers on behalf of Coachella Vault, LLC., requests that the Planning Commission recommend conditional approval of:

- **CUP No. 379** for the proposed mini storage use and RV storage use allowable as a conditional use under Section 17.34.020(C)(1) of the Coachella Municipal Code for the M-W Wrecking Yard zone.
- **AR No. 24-05** for the proposed construction of an office clubhouse, nine storage buildings, and an industrial lease space.
- **EA No. 24-01** which was prepared to address the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed Coachella Vault project on an approximately 11-acre site located east of Harrison Street and 1,300 feet south of Avenue 48 (APN: 603-290-005).



Figure 2 - Vicinity Map

BACKGROUND:

On March 4, 2024, applicant Steve Myers on behalf of Coachella Vault, LLC., submitted an application for a Tentative Tract Map, Conditional Use Permit, Architectural Review, and Environmental Assessment for the Coachella Vault project located on an approximately 11-acre parcel at APN: 603-290-005.

The 11-acre property is currently vacant and undeveloped. At buildout, the project will consist of an office/clubhouse will be two stories and 3,970 square feet (1,230 square feet first floor, 2,740 square feet second floor). The industrial space for lease will be 3,140 square feet. The storage buildings will range in size between 17,750 square feet and 34,650 square feet each, for a total building area of 225,230 square feet of storage space. In addition to the proposed buildings, development of the site would also include landscaping, street improvements, drive aisles, and parking. The project will also develop roof-top solar panels and associated electrical equipment (batteries and generator) to support the solar facilities.

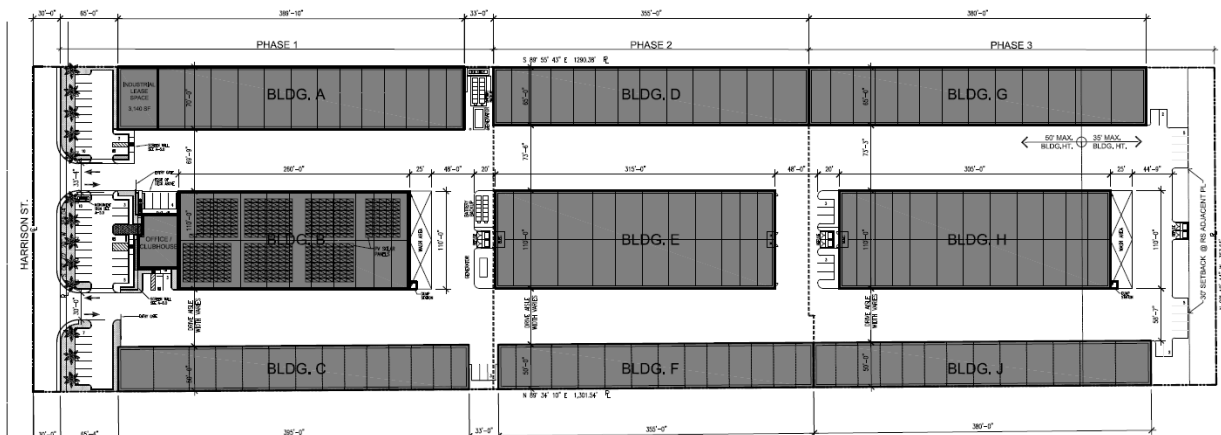


Figure 3 - Site Plan Coachella Vault

Table 1

General Plan, Zoning, and Surrounding Existing Uses

	General Plan	Zoning	Surrounding Existing Uses
Site:	Industrial District	(M-W) Wrecking Yard	Vacant Lot
North:	Industrial District	(M-W) Wrecking Yard	Duran’s Lock and Key Locksmith
South:	Industrial District	(M-S) Manufacturing Service	Agricultural Date Palms
East:	Suburban Neighborhood (Tribal Land)	Suburban Neighborhood (Tribal Land)	Vacant Lot

West:	Industrial District	(M-W) Wrecking Yard	Desert Truck and Auto Parts and ABC Towing
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LANDSCAPE DESIGN:

The preliminary landscape plan for the Coachella Vault project addresses the landscaping along Harrison Street, project entries, and the overall interior landscape areas for the project.

The project entry includes an approximately 15-foot landscape area between the sidewalk and parking areas. The front landscape area includes date palms, an assortment of shrubs that include ‘weber agave’ and ‘new gold lantana’, and include ¾” crushed rock groundcover. The project interior landscaping includes a minimum of ¾” crush rock in all landscape areas, an assortment of shade trees, and shrubs.

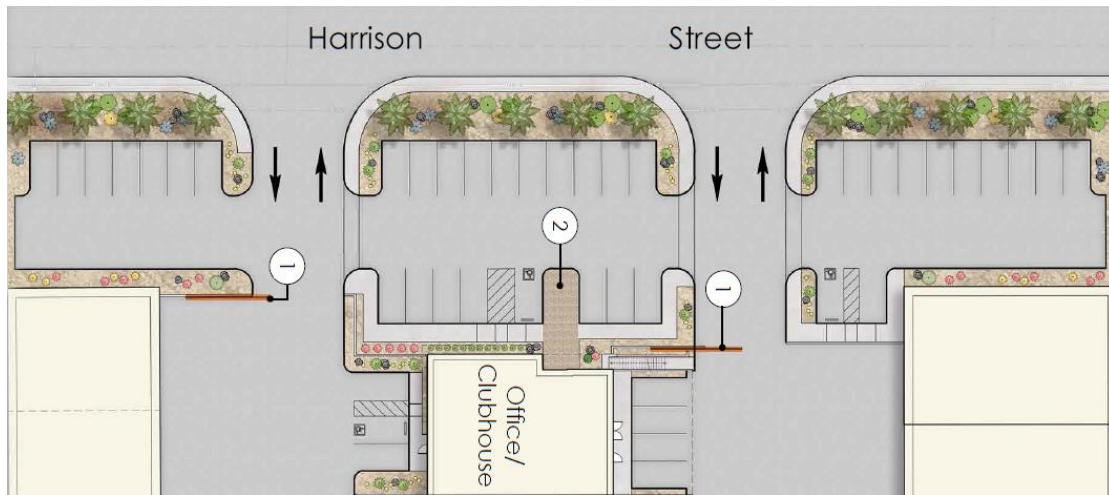


Figure 4 - Harrison Street Entry Landscaping

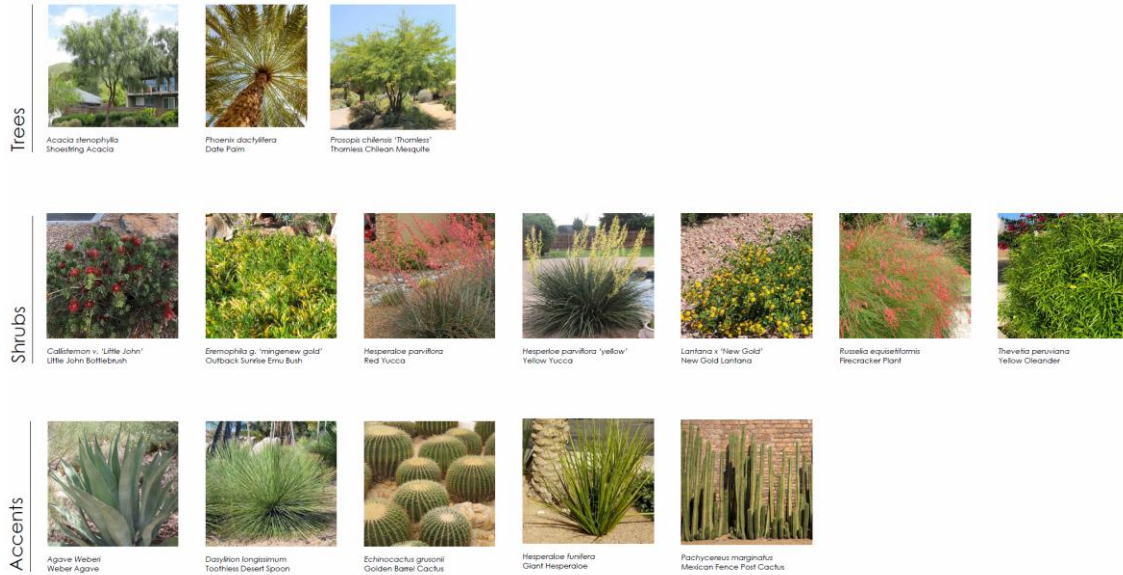


Figure 5 - Landscape List

WALL AND FENCE PLAN:

A copy of the proposed wall and fence plan is illustrated in Figure 6 below. A ten-foot tilt-up concrete wall will be constructed along the perimeter of the property. The majority of the project perimeter will be screened by the rear wall of the proposed storage buildings.

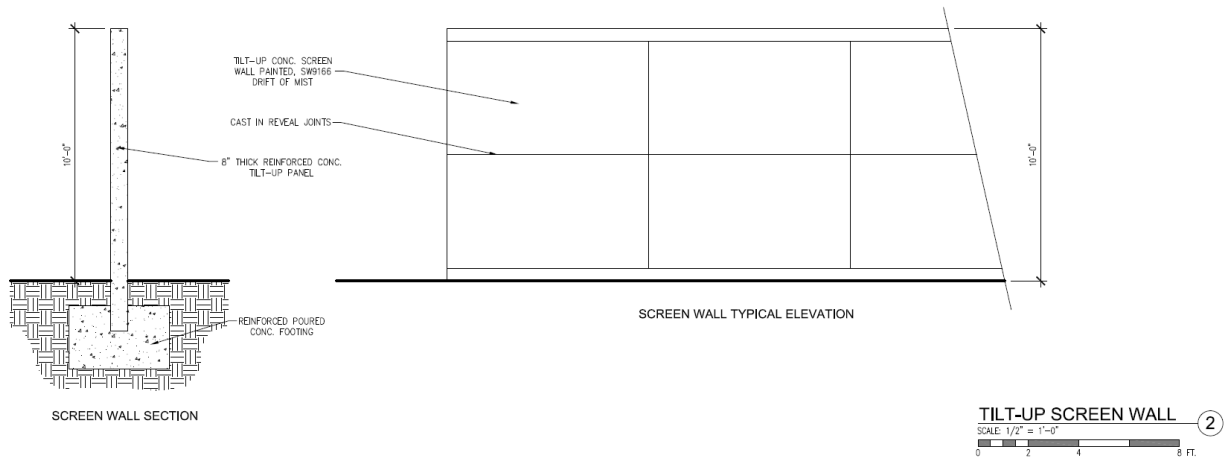


Figure 6 - Perimeter Wall

MONUMENT SIGN

The project proposes a 6-foot height and 12-foot-wide monument sign that includes deep reverse channel letters on a Corten steel background element. The sign face is 35 sq. ft. The base of the monument sign provides a concrete base & vertical return with board foam pattern that is compatible with the building architecture of the site. The monument sign is visible from the public right-of-way. The size of the sign monument meets the size requirements of the Signage Ordinance Chapter 17.56, as the size of the sign is less than 10 square feet per acre and is less than 6 feet in height. The sign provides channel letters as requested by staff, and provides a design that include

Corten Steel and concrete design that incorporates the design and materials accenting the architectural them of the main building as required by the Signage Ordinance.

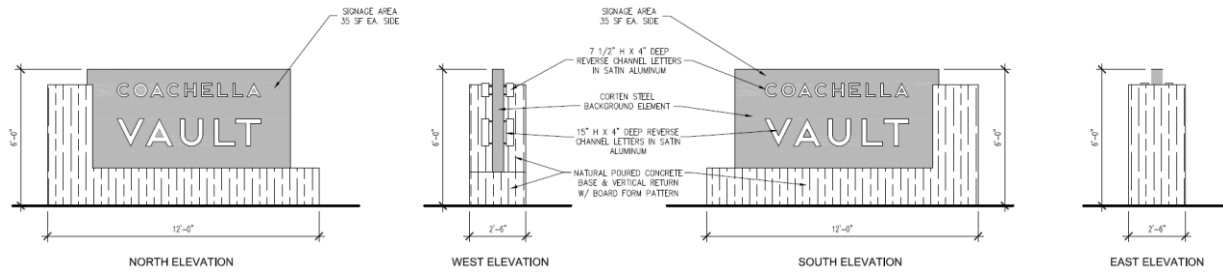


Figure 7 - Monument Sign

ARCHITECTURE:

The building elevations on Harrison Street include a stucco design with expansion joints that provide horizontal articulation, and a tilt-up concrete wall design that provides vertical articulation. Red-toned steel overhangs are an additional architectural feature, enhancing the building’s visual interest. The building features a color palette composed of white, gray, and red tones. The interior storage buildings continue the architectural design by providing a white tilt-up concrete wall panel design with red-tone steel overhangs. As required by the conditions of approval for the project, the trash enclosure shall be designed to be compatible with the main building architecture.



Figure 8 - Office/Clubhouse West Elevation (visible from Harrison Street)



Figure 8 - Building A and Building B West Elevation (visible from Harrison Street)



Figure 9 - Store Building Elevations

CONSISTENCY WITH GENERAL PLAN

The project site is within the Industrial District land use designation. Industrial District are intended to accommodate a range of light and heavy commercial and industrial businesses that provide employment and generate more noise, light, odors or truck traffic than would be appropriate in the Urban Employment District.

Coachella's Industrial District is characterized by larger blocks, lots and buildings that would be incompatible with the scale and character of Coachella's neighborhoods and centers. This District accommodates higher concentrations of heavy business activity. Nonetheless, the streetscapes of this District are well landscaped and include good quality pedestrian and bicycle routes so employees and visitors may conveniently arrive by bicycle or transit, while safely and comfortably walk to restaurants and service businesses in the course of their workday.

Allowed land uses include industrial and research and development uses, with support retail and office uses. The project proposes recreational vehicle storage, mini-storage, and office uses that are consistent with the allowed land uses within the Industrial District.

CONSISTENCY WITH ZONING

The project site is currently zoned Wrecking Yard (M-W) which implements the Industrial District land use designation of the General Plan. The M-W zone allows for those conditional uses allowed by Section 17.32.020(C) of the M-H (Heavy Industrial) zone. Those conditional use allowed in the M-H zone include "recreational vehicle storage such that standalone uses shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the M-H Zone", and "all conditional uses permitted by Section 17.30.020 of the M-S (Manufacturing Service) zone". In the M-S zone, "mini-storage warehouse" is allowed as a conditional use. At the time of writing of this staff report, there are no recreational vehicle storage uses currently in use or approved in the M-H zone. The proposed recreational vehicle storage use proposed by this project would not be in conflict with the 15 percent maximum requirement for recreational vehicle storage uses. For these reasons, recreational vehicle storage and mini-storage uses are allowed land uses subject to a conditional use permit in the M-W Wrecking Yard zone. Coachella's Industrial District is characterized by larger blocks, lots and buildings that would be incompatible with the scale and character of Coachella's neighborhoods and centers. This District accommodates higher concentrations of heavy business activity. Nonetheless, the streetscapes of this District are well landscaped and include good quality pedestrian and bicycle routes so employees and visitors may conveniently arrive by bicycle or

transit, while safely and comfortably walk to restaurants and service businesses in the course of their workday.

PROPOSED FINDINGS:

Tentative Map

Pursuant to Coachella Municipal Guidelines Chapter 16.12, Tentative Map, subject to the provisions of this chapter, the Planning Commission must make the following findings for the recommendation of Tentative Map approval to the City Council:

The Planning Commission shall recommend denial of a tentative map, as required by the Subdivision Map Act, if it makes the following findings:

1. That the proposed map is not consistent with applicable general and specific plans;

The location of the project site has a General Plan land use designation of General Neighborhood which permits the development of single-family residential homes and community amenities. Further, the General Neighborhood land use designations allow for the development of 7-25 dwelling units per acre. As such, the Tentative Tract Map is consistent with the permitted land use designation of single-family homes, as it is proposing 7.29 du/ac. The project further proposes the development of community amenities such as a community park with tot lot, basketball court, ramadas with picnic tables, a turf grass area, and a partially landscaped retention basin with passive walking trails. The open-space parks planned within the project area fulfill the Planned Unit Development and General Neighborhood open space requirements. For the foregoing reasons, the Tentative Map is consistent with the General Plan and is not inconsistent with any element of its General Plan designation.

2. That the design or improvement of the proposed subdivision is not consistent with applicable general and specific plans;

The location of the project site has a General Plan land use designation of Industrial District which permits the development of industrial and research and development uses. The development intensity allowed under the Industrial District is a floor-area-ratio of 0.1 to 2.0. The proposed development includes a total building area of 232,490 SF on an 11-acre parcel, which provides a development intensity consistent with the floor-area-ratio development intensity allowed under the Industrial District. The residential development intensity is classified as non-applicable under the Industrial District. The proposed project does not propose any residential units as part of this project. The proposed project provides two vehicular access points on Harrison Street and would provide access to the project that has been determined suitable by the City Engineer/ Public Works Director and the Riverside County Office of the Fire Marshal. The proposed project is not within an existing or proposed specific plan boundary. For the foregoing reasons, the design or improvement of the proposed Tentative Map is consistent with the applicable general and specific plans.

3. That the site is not physically suitable for the type of development;

The location of the project site has a General Plan land use designation of Industrial District which permits the development of industrial and research and development uses. The development intensity allowed under the Industrial District is a floor-area-ratio of 0.1 to 2.0. The proposed development includes a total building area of 232,490 SF on an 11-acre parcel, which provides a development intensity consistent with the floor-area-ratio development intensity allowed under the Industrial District. The residential development intensity is classified as non-applicable under the Industrial District. The proposed project does not propose any residential units as part of this project. The proposed project provides two vehicular access points on Harrison Street and would provide access to the project that has been determined suitable by the City Engineer/ Public Works Director and the Riverside County Office of the Fire Marshal. Infrastructure to serve the proposed parcels have been assessed and determined to be available from the water and electrical utilities. Furthermore, the site has no topographical constraints and the proposed uses are consistent with that has been analyzed in the General Plan, and the Coachella Municipal Code. Therefore, it can be determined that the proposed subdivision is physically suitable for the site.

4. That the site is not physically suitable for the proposed density of development;

The location of the project site has a General Plan land use designation of Industrial District which permits the development of industrial and research and development uses. The development intensity allowed under the Industrial District is a floor-area-ratio of 0.1 to 2.0. The proposed development includes a total building area of 232,490 SF on an 11-acre parcel, which provides a development intensity consistent with the floor-area-ratio development intensity allowed under the Industrial District. The residential development intensity is classified as non-applicable under the Industrial District. The proposed project does not propose any residential units as part of this project. For the foregoing reasons, the design of the Tract Map is physically suitable for the proposed density of development.

5. That the design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements are likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and unavoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat;

An Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was completed to address the potential impacts from the implementation of the project. The environmental analysis includes but is not limited to the analysis of environmentally sensitive areas, potential impacts to natural vegetation and significant trees, watercourses, historic buildings and places, and other features of value to the community. The proposed project will develop currently vacant highly disturbed land in east Coachella. The existing setting does not contain any significant trees, watercourses, or historic buildings or places. The parcel has minimal natural vegetation, and what is there is common to many vacant parcels within the City of Coachella and the greater Coachella Valley. The scarce natural vegetation will be removed during the preliminary grading phase of the development of the site, and the IS/MND found that with the adoption of mitigation measures, any potential impact will be mitigated to have a less than significant impact. The project will adopt a

Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP) that will certify mitigation measures to protect environmentally sensitive land uses and species within the project area. For the foregoing reasons, the design of the Tract Map is not likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and unavoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat.

6. That the design of the subdivision or the type of improvements is likely to cause serious public health problems; and

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7. That the design of the subdivision or the type of improvements will conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of property within the proposed subdivision. In this connection, the governing body may approve a map if it finds that alternate easements, for access or for use, will be provided, and that these will be substantially equivalent to ones previously acquired by the public.

As proposed, TTM No. 38943 will not conflict with any public easements acquired for access or use by the public at large within the proposed Tract Map. The Riverside County Office of the Fire Marshal and Engineering Department/Public Works Department have reviewed and approved the access points to the site. Additional battery storage and generators will be developed with the future buildings to accommodate the solar facilities. The project is intended to be 100 percent solar-operated. Although the project is designed to operate on solar power due to the current lack of available Imperial Irrigation District (IID) electrical capacity in the area, it will connect to the IID electrical system once adequate capacity becomes available. The Tract Map will not conflict with easements for access through or use of property and as such, the Tract Map's design is confirmed to be in harmony with existing public easements.

Conclusion:

Staff concludes that the findings set forth in Government Code Section 66474 and Coachella Municipal Code Chapter 17.14.030 can affirmatively be made for the proposed Tentative Tract

Map No. 38943. The proposed parcel subdivision is consistent with the City of Coachella General Plan and the Coachella Municipal Code. The parcel subdivision will not conflict with easements acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of property within the proposed parcel subdivision, and it will not cause substantial environmental damage or substantially avoidably injure fish, wildlife, or their habitat. The required conditions of approval ensure the Project will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, and the conditions prevent material injury to properties or improvements in the vicinity.

Conditional Use Permit

Pursuant to Coachella Municipal Guidelines Chapter 17.74, Conditional Uses, subject to the provisions of this chapter, the Planning Commission must make the following findings for Conditional Use Permit approval:

1. The proposed use will not be in conflict with, but will be in harmony with and in accordance with the objectives of the general plan.

The location of the project site has a General Plan land use designation of Industrial District which permits the development of industrial and research and development uses. The proposed mini storage and RV storage use for the proposed Coachella Vault project is consistent with the allowed land uses in the Industrial District general plan designation. The development intensity allowed under the Industrial District is a floor-area-ratio of 0.1 to 2.0. The proposed development includes a total building area of 232,490 SF on an 11-acre parcel, which provides a development intensity consistent with the floor-area-ratio development intensity allowed under the Industrial District. The residential development intensity is classified as non-applicable under the Industrial District. The proposed project does not propose any residential units as part of this project. For the foregoing reasons, the proposed mini storage and RV storage use for the Coachella Vault project is consistent with the objectives of the General Plan.

2. The proposed use will be located, designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to be compatible with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and shall not change the essential character of the same area.

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Harrison Street and would provide access to the project that has been determined suitable by the City Engineer/ Public Works Director and the Riverside County Office of the Fire Marshal. The northern, western and southern adjacent properties have land uses of Industrial District, and the eastern land use has a Suburban Neighborhood land use designation. The proposed mini storage and RV storage use is consistent with the allowed land uses within the Industrial District general plan designation, and is compatible with the adjacent land uses in accordance with the City of Coachella General Plan. For the foregoing reasons, the proposed mini storage and RV storage use for the Coachella Vault project will be located, designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to be compatible with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and shall not change the essential character of the same area.

3. Consideration is to be given to harmony in scale, bulk, coverage and density, to the availability of public facilities and utilities, to harmful effect, if any, upon desirable neighborhood character, to the generation of traffic and the capacity of surrounding streets, and to any other relevant impact of the development.

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4. Where the proposed use may be potentially hazardous or disturbing to existing or reasonably expected neighboring uses, it must be justified by the common public interest as a benefit to the community as a whole.

The intent and purpose of the Industrial District designation, as described in the City of Coachella General Plan, is to accommodate a range of light and heavy commercial and industrial businesses that provide employment and generate more noise, light, odors or truck traffic than would be appropriate in the Urban Employment District. The project proposes a mini

storage use and RV storage use that includes the construction of an office clubhouse, nine storage buildings, and an industrial lease space. In addition to the proposed buildings, development of the site would also include landscaping, street improvements, drive aisles, and parking. The project will also develop roof-top solar panels and associated electrical equipment (batteries and generator) to support the solar facilities. An Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was completed to address the potential impacts from the implementation of the project. The environmental analysis includes but is not limited to the analysis of environmentally sensitive areas, potential impacts to natural vegetation and significant trees, watercourses, historic buildings and places, and other features of value to the community. The proposed project will develop currently vacant highly disturbed land in east Coachella. The existing setting does not contain any significant trees, watercourses, or historic buildings or places. The parcel has minimal natural vegetation, and what is there is common to many vacant parcels within the City of Coachella and the greater Coachella Valley. The scarce natural vegetation will be removed during the preliminary grading phase of the development of the site, and the IS/MND found that with the adoption of mitigation measures, any potential impact will be mitigated to have a less than significant impact. The project will adopt a Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP) that will certify mitigation measures to protect environmentally sensitive land uses and species within the project area. For the foregoing reasons, the proposed use is not found to be potentially hazardous or disturbing to existing or reasonably expected neighboring uses.

5. The proposed use will include vehicular approaches to the property designed for reasonable minimal interference with traffic on surrounding public streets or roads.

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Conclusion:

Staff concludes that the findings set forth in Coachella Municipal Code Chapter 17.74.020 can affirmatively be made for the proposed Conditional Use Permit No. 379 for the proposed mini storage and RV storage use for the Coachella Vault project. The proposed Coachella Vault Project is consistent with the City of Coachella General Plan and the Coachella Municipal Code. The Coachella Vault Project will be compatible with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and shall not change the essential character of the same area, and consideration was given to the potential impacts of the development. It is determined that the project is justified by the common public interest as a benefit to the community as a whole. The proposed use will include vehicular approaches to the property designed for reasonable minimal interference with traffic on surrounding public streets or roads. The required conditions of approval ensure the Project will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, and the conditions prevent material injury to properties or improvements in the vicinity.

Architectural Review

Pursuant to Coachella Municipal Guidelines Chapter 17.72, Architectural Review, subject to the provisions of this chapter, the Planning Commission must make the following findings for Architectural Review approval:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the general plan.

The location of the project site has a General Plan land use designation of Industrial District which permits the development of industrial and research and development uses. The proposed mini storage and RV storage use for the proposed Coachella Vault project is consistent with the allowed land uses in the Industrial District general plan designation. The project proposes the construction of an office clubhouse, nine storage buildings, and an industrial lease space for the Coachella Vault Project. The development intensity allowed under the Industrial District is a floor-area-ratio of 0.1 to 2.0. The proposed development includes a total building area of 232,490 SF on an 11-acre parcel, which provides a development intensity consistent with the floor-area-ratio development intensity allowed under the Industrial District. The residential development intensity is classified as non-applicable under the Industrial District. The proposed project does not propose any residential units as part of this project. For the foregoing reasons, the proposed mini storage and RV storage use and proposed construction for the Coachella Vault project is consistent with the objectives of the General Plan.

2. The proposed project complies with zoning regulations.

The location of the project site has a General Plan land use designation of Industrial District which permits the development of industrial and research and development uses. The project site is currently zoned Wrecking Yard (M-W) which implements the Industrial District land use

designation of the General Plan. The M-W zone allows for those conditional uses allowed by Section 17.32.020(C) of the M-H (Heavy Industrial) zone. Those conditional use allowed in the M-H zone include “recreational vehicle storage such that standalone uses shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the M-H Zone”, and “all conditional uses permitted by Section 17.30.020 of the M-S (Manufacturing Service) zone”. In the M-S zone, “mini-storage warehouse” is allowed as a conditional use. At the time of writing of this staff report, there are no recreational vehicle storage uses currently in use or approved in the M-H zone. The proposed recreational vehicle storage use proposed by this project would not be in conflict with the 15 percent maximum requirement for recreational vehicle storage uses. For these reasons, recreational vehicle storage and mini-storage uses are allowed land uses subject to the approval of a conditional use permit in the M-W Wrecking Yard zone. This zone is intended to provide for, and to encourage the orderly development of heavy industrial uses and recycling operations deemed to be of regional significance, but of such nature that extra care must be taken in the regulation of said uses to protect the community's health and wellbeing, and where said uses are subject to aesthetic and environmental conditions which require the provision of safeguards to control and suppress some of the heavier manifestations of said uses to prevent adverse effects on the community. The project development plan set complies with Section 17.43.030 – Property Development Standards of the (M-W) Recking Yard zone. For the foregoing reasons, the proposed construction of an office clubhouse, nine storage buildings, and an industrial lease space for the Coachella Vault Project complies with the zoning regulations of the (M-W) Wrecking Yard zone.

3. The proposed project is consistent with the city's design guidelines.

The location of the project site has a General Plan land use designation of Industrial District which permits the development of industrial and research and development uses. The project development plan set complies with Section 17.43.030 – Property Development Standards of the (M-W) Wrecking Yard zone. This includes compliance with the yard requirements and height limits, screening requirements, paving, parking space, and landscape requirements of the (M-W) Wrecking Yard zone. The project is subject to Architectural Review as set forth in Section 17.72.010 of the Coachella Municipal Code. For the foregoing reasons, the proposed construction of an office clubhouse, nine storage buildings, and an industrial lease space for the Coachella Vault Project complies with the city’s design guidelines of the (M-W) Wrecking Yard zone.

4. The proposed development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, or materially injurious to properties and improvements in the vicinity.

An Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was completed to address the potential impacts from the implementation of the project. The environmental analysis includes but is not limited to the analysis of environmentally sensitive areas, potential impacts to natural vegetation and significant trees, watercourses, historic buildings and places, and other features of value to the community. The proposed project will develop currently vacant highly disturbed land in east Coachella. The existing setting does not contain any significant trees, watercourses, or historic buildings or places. The parcel has minimal natural vegetation, and what is there is common to many vacant parcels within the City of Coachella and the greater Coachella Valley. The scarce natural vegetation will be removed during the preliminary grading phase of the

development of the site, and the IS/MND found that with the adoption of mitigation measures, any potential impact will be mitigated to have a less than significant impact. The project will adopt a Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP) that will certify mitigation measures to protect environmentally sensitive land uses and species within the project area. For the foregoing reasons, the design of the proposed construction of an office clubhouse, nine storage buildings, and an industrial lease space for the Coachella Vault Project will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, welfare, or materially injurious to properties and improvements in the vicinity.

5. The proposed project is located, designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to be compatible with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and shall not change the essential character of the same area.

The location of the project site has a General Plan land use designation of Industrial District which permits the development of single-family residential homes and community amenities. The development intensity allowed under the Industrial District is a floor-area-ratio of 0.1 to 2.0. The proposed development includes a total building area of 232,490 SF on an 11-acre parcel, which provides a development intensity consistent with the floor-area-ratio development intensity allowed under the Industrial District. The residential development intensity is classified as non-applicable under the Industrial District. The proposed project does not propose any residential units as part of this project. The proposed project provides two vehicular access points on Harrison Street and would provide access to the project that has been determined suitable by the City Engineer/ Public Works Director and the Riverside County Office of the Fire Marshal. Infrastructure to serve the proposed parcels have been assessed and determined to be available from the water and electrical utilities. Furthermore, the site has no topographical constraints and the proposed uses are consistent with that has been analyzed in the General Plan and the Coachella Municipal Code. For the foregoing reasons, the proposed construction of an office clubhouse, nine storage buildings, and an industrial lease space for the Coachella Vault Project will be located, designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to be compatible with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and shall not change the essential character of the same area.

Conclusion:

Staff concludes that the findings set forth in Coachella Municipal Code Chapter 17.72.010 can affirmatively be made for the proposed Architectural Review No. 24-05 for the proposed construction of an office clubhouse, nine storage buildings, and an industrial lease space for the Coachella Vault Project. The proposed project is consistent with the general plan. The proposed project complies with zoning regulations. The proposed project is consistent with the city's design guidelines. The proposed development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, or materially injurious to properties and improvements in the vicinity. The proposed project is located, designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to be compatible with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and shall not change the essential character of the same area.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:

A notice of public hearing to consider the Project was published in the Desert Sun, the newspaper of record, on March 22, 2026, and a public hearing notice was mailed to property owners within a radius of 300- feet of the subject property on March 18, 2026, pursuant to Section 17.74.010G of the Coachella Municipal Code. At the time of issuance of this staff report, staff had not received public comments on this application.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Chapter 8.24 of the Coachella Municipal Code states that all projects shall be reviewed for compliance with or exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15063, the applicant’s consultant, MSA Consulting Inc., completed an Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to adequately analyze the Project’s potential impacts on the environment for the Coachella Vault Project. The Initial Study concluded that the project would result in less than significant impacts to Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire.

The Initial Study concluded that the project would result in a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated to Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Cultural Resources, and Tribal Cultural Resources.

MSA Consulting Inc. has developed appropriate mitigation measures to address the potentially significant impacts, and with the implementation and adherence to the mitigation measures, the Project will have a less than significant impact on Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Cultural Resources, and Tribal Cultural Resources. The mitigation measures will be listed as a condition of Project approval.

A 20-day public review period ran from January 20, 2026, to February 9, 2026. 3 comment letters were submitted during the comment period. Responses to comments have been prepared for the comments received and are included in Resolution No. PC2026-13 Exhibit C.

A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared and is attached in Resolution No. 2026-13 Exhibit B.

TTM NO. 38943 ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Approve Resolution No. 2026-10 recommending that the City Council conditionally approve TTM No. 38943 with the findings and conditions as recommended by Staff.
- 2) Approve Resolution No. 2026-10 recommending that the City Council conditionally approve TTM No. 38943 with the findings and conditions as recommended by Staff, with modifications as proposed by the Planning Commission.

- 3) Deny Resolution No. 2026-10.
- 4) Continue this item and provide staff and the applicant with direction.

CUP No. 379 ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Approve Resolution No. 2026-11 conditionally approving CUP No. 379 with the findings and conditions as recommended by Staff.
- 2) Approve Resolution No. 2026-11 conditionally approving CUP No. 379 with the findings and conditions as recommended by Staff, with modifications as proposed by the Planning Commission.
- 3) Deny Resolution No. 2026-11.
- 4) Continue this item and provide staff and the applicant with direction.

AR No. 24-05 ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Approve Resolution No. 2026-12 conditionally approving AR No. 24-05 with the findings and conditions as recommended by Staff.
- 2) Approve Resolution No. 2026-12 conditionally approving AR No. 24-05 with the findings and conditions as recommended by Staff, with modifications as proposed by the Planning Commission.
- 3) Deny Resolution No. 2026-12.
- 4) Continue this item and provide staff and the applicant with direction.

EA No. 24-01 ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Approve Resolution No. 2026-13 conditionally approving EA No. 24-01 with the findings and conditions as recommended by Staff.
- 2) Approve Resolution No. 2026-13 conditionally approving EA No. 24-01 with the findings and conditions as recommended by Staff, with modifications as proposed by the Planning Commission.
- 3) Deny Resolution No. 2026-13.
- 4) Continue this item and provide staff and the applicant with direction.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):

Staff recommends Alternative #1 for TTM No. 38943, CUP No. 379, AR No. 25-05, and EA No. 24-01.

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. PC2026-10 (TTM)
 - a. Exhibit A – Conditions of Approval
 - b. Exhibit B – Tentative Tract Map
2. Resolution No. PC2026-11 (CUP)
 - a. Exhibit A – Conditions of Approval
3. Resolution No. PC2026-12 (AR)
 - a. Exhibit A – Conditions of Approval
 - b. Exhibit B – Development Plan Set
4. Resolution No. PC2026-13 (EA)
 - a. Exhibit A – Conditions of Approval
 - b. Exhibit B – Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND)
 - c. Exhibit C – ISMND Response to Comments
5. Preliminary Grading Exhibit
6. Published Copy of the Notice of Public Hearing
7. Site Photos