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RE: West Wind Parking Storage, Inc  
425 E. Heber Road, Heber CA 92249

The Imperial County Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau would like to thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on water supply issues for fire suppression for West Winder Parking Storage at 425 E. Heber Road, Heber CA 92249 (APN: 054-240-023).

West Wind Parking Storage, Inc expanded their operation of truck parking storage facility with a Conditional Use Permit with the County of Imperial CUP #19-0013. Requirements noted within CUP #19-0013 from the Imperial County Fire Department are as follows:

- An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow determined by appendix B in the California Fire Code shall be installed and maintained. Private fire service mains and appurtenance shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 24.
- Fire department access roads shall be a width of a least 20 feet and all weather surface capable of supporting fire apparatus. Fire department access roads will be provided with approved turn around approved by Imperial County Fire Department. Gates will be in accordance with the current adapted fire code and the facility will maintain a Knox Box/lock for access on site.
- A Hazardous Waste Material Plan shall be submitted to Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) for their review and approval.
- All hazardous liquids and wastes shall be handled, store, and disposed as per the approved Hazardous Waste Materials Plan. All spills shall be documented and reported to Imperial County Fire Department and CUPA as required by the Hazardous Waste Material Plan.
- All storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids shall be in accordance with the California Fire Code and all federal, state, and local regulations, codes, and ordinances.
- Compliance with all required sections of the fire code.
- Fiscal Impacts will remain open until meeting with fire department head(s) and developer(s), which may include but not limited to:
  - Capital purchases which may be required to assist in servicing this project
  - Costs for services during construction and life of the project
  - Training

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The zone change will require an approved pressurized water supply capable of meeting required fire flows to be installed and maintained in accordance with the California Fire Code. M-1 Zone (Light Industrial) will require greater water demand due to the potential hazards and fire loads associated with industrial operations.

Specifically noted is the requirement of an approved water supply and flow of water for firefighting for the facility. California Fire Code chapter 5 section 507.1 states:

**507.1 Required water supply.** *An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow for fire protection shall be provided to premises on which facilities, buildings or portions of buildings are hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction.*

California Fire Code chapter 5 section 507.3 states:

**507.3 Fire flow.** *Fire-flow requirements for buildings or portions of buildings and facilities shall be determined by an approved method or Appendix B.*

Continuing the requirements of approved water supply and fire hydrants for firefighting for the facility. California Fire Code chapter 5 section 507.5 states:

**507.5 Fire hydrant systems.** *Fire hydrant systems shall comply with Sections 507.5.1 through 507.5.6 and Appendix C or by an approved method.*

**507.5.1 Where required.** *Where a portion of the facility or building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction is more than 400 feet (122 m) from a hydrant on a fire apparatus access road, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the facility or building, on-site fire hydrants and mains shall be provided where required by the fire code official.*

Imperial County Fire Department would like to address the current lack of water supply for 425 E. Heber Road, (West Wind Parking and Storage). Currently the facility lacks reliable water supply for firefighting, this lack of water supply not only puts the facility at risk but also emergency personnel and surrounding properties. The Imperial County Fire Department would like to recommend a reliable and adequate source of water be provided to or at the facility as required by the California Fire Code.

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. Imperial County Fire Department reserves the right to comment and request additional requirements pertaining to this project regarding fire and life safety measures, California building and fire code, and National Fire Protection Association standards at a later time as we see necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact the Imperial County Fire Prevention Bureau at 442-265-3020 or 442-265-3021.

Sincerely

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