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Project Name:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Project - West Desert All-Weather Road, Phase B, WDID No. 7A333133001

Receiving Water:

Pinto Wash is located north of the project area in the Salton Sea Watershed west of the Westside Main Canal and between the U.S./Mexico border and California State Route 98. Water may flow through this ephemeral wash into the Westside Main Canal, which eventually delivers water into the Salton Sea, or into delivery canals and through agricultural fields into drains and then into washes that flow to the New River and eventually into the Salton Sea.

Location:

City or Area: El Centro, County: Imperial

Longitude/Latitude: Begins at N32° 38.89518, W115° 43.52994, Ends at N 32° 38.96544, W 115° 42.1974. Township/Range: Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 12 East

Project Description:

The purpose of the Project is to increase border security within the United States Border Patrol (USBP) - El Centro Sector with an ultimate objective of reducing illegal cross-border activity by providing safer and more efficient access for USBP agents along the U.S./Mexico border in the west desert area of the USBP - El Centro Station's area of responsibility.

The Project includes the improvement and construction, operation, and maintenance of approximately 1.6 miles of all-weather roads. The Project involves the improvement of an existing border road and construction of a new access road to the top of BP Hill, where CBP operates a Remote Video Surveillance System (RVSS) tower. The border road would be improved to an all-weather surface road (1.4 miles long) approximately 20 feet wide with 2-foot shoulders and would include any necessary drainage structures (i.e., culverts and low-water crossings).

In addition to the 1.4 miles of road improvement, a new access road (approximately 0.2 mile) leading to the BP Hill RVSS tower from the improved border road would be constructed. This

road would be a 16-foot-wide road with necessary drainage structures and include all-weather surfacing. The total permanent footprint for the new access road to BP Hill would be 30 feet wide by 0.2 mile long. The temporary footprint would be 90 feet wide by 0.2 mile long. Upon completion of the improvements and construction activities, all temporarily disturbed areas would be rehabilitated per BLM guidelines.

Action:

Pending

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