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Mr. William Simons, P.E.
Public Works Department
City of Cathedral City
68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero
Cathedral City, CA 92234

RE: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Whitewater River Bike Path
Cathedral City CUP No. 16-001

Dear Mr. Simons:

The City of Palm Springs has reviewed the Cathedral City Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the development of a bicycle and pedestrian path along the west bank of the Whitewater River channel, which will provide expanded recreational and multi-modal transportation opportunities for residents and visitors of Cathedral City and Palm Springs.

We concur that the IS/MND has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 et. seq., and agree with its conclusions. The IS/MND complies with the City of Palm Springs' Rules to Implement CEQA. It is understood that the City of Cathedral City serves as the Lead Agency for this CEQA action and the City of Palm Springs and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFWCD) serve as Responsible Agencies pursuant to CEQA.

Thank you for taking the lead on this valuable project. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marcus Fuller, MPA, P.E., P.L.S.
Assistant City Manager/City Engineer