

**EXHIBIT A
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858(d) REPORT**

**Public Report Regarding the Status of the City of Desert Hot Springs
Interim Urgency Ordinance on the Establishment of Medical Marijuana Facilities located
in the 207 acre area north of the I-10 Freeway, west of Palm Drive and south of Varner
Road, excepting APN 669-150-002, during the Pendency of the City's Review and
Adoption of Permanent Zoning Regulations and the City-Wide 2018 Comprehensive
General Plan Update.
July 18, 2017**

On June 20, 2017, the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs adopted Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 618 ("Underlying Ordinance"). That Underlying Ordinance initiated a 45-day moratorium on medical marijuana facilities and uses within the 207-acre area north of the I-10 Freeway, west of Palm Drive and south of Varner Road, and excepting APN 669-150-002 ("Subject Area"), during the pendency of the City's review and adoption of permanent zoning regulations and review and adoption of the City-Wide 2018 Comprehensive General Plan Update ("2018 Update").

On June 6th, 2017, the City re-initiated work on the 2018 Update. This Update may establish new Zoning and General Plan designations for the Subject Area. The Underlying Ordinance was enacted to ensure protection of the public health, safety and welfare related to the use and long-term goals of the City in reference to the Subject Area. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858(d), the City prepared this report to describe the measures taken to alleviate the conditions that led to the adoption of the Underlying Ordinance.

RESEARCH

Since June 20, 2017, Staff has been engaged in resuming the 2018 Update, including research and analysis related to potential commercial and mixed-use uses in the Subject Area. The City Council expressed a desire to limit Medical Marijuana Facilities to the Indian Avenue and Little Morongo Road corridors, preserving this area for future highway-oriented, mixed-use, and general commercial uses. During the research associated with the 2018 Update, staff and the environmental consulting firm will be evaluating the environmental impacts that changes in land-use designation(s) will have and the mitigation measures that will serve to reduce those impacts. Environmental studies are being prepared as part of the 2018 Update, with an estimated completion date of about 12-18 months. During this time, Medical Marijuana Facilities are not being approved within the Subject Area, until such time that the City Council can review, deliberate, and consider the long-term goals, policies, and outlook for the 207 acre area (area in question) and adopt the City-Wide Comprehensive General Plan Update.

The Underlying Ordinance was adopted to allow staff and the City's environmental consulting firm sufficient time to conduct research, prepare environmental studies and reports, conduct zoning analysis, traffic analysis, etc. in review and preparation of the 2018 Plan Update. The interim prohibition adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2017 will expire on August 4, 2017 unless further extended. Since it is infeasible for the studies and decisions to take place prior to August 4th, 2017, it is recommended that the City Council extend the Underlying Ordinance for an additional twenty-two (22) months and fifteen (15) days.

Consistent with California Government Code Section 65858(c), the City Council finds that there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, and the approval of additional permits or entitlements for medical marijuana uses would increase that threat to public health, safety, or welfare.