



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

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RE: West of Andrade Port of Entry Border Wall System Project Request for Input

To Whom it May Concern:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is seeking your input concerning the construction of new border wall system west of the Andrade Port of Entry in Imperial County, California. CBP is currently engaged in environmental planning for the border wall system and is seeking your input regarding potential impacts to the environment, culture, quality of life, and commerce, including socioeconomic impacts. CBP is accepting comments until Friday, January 29, 2021.

Spanish-language materials are available online at www.cbp.gov/about/environmental-cultural-stewardship/nepa-documents/docs-review.

The project involves the construction of approximately 0.5 miles of new border wall system where the existing border barrier no longer meets U.S. Border Patrol's operational needs. The project extends west from the Andrade Port of Entry. The design of the border wall includes 30-foot high, six-inch diameter steel bollards spaced approximately four inches apart. The project also includes the installation of a linear ground detection system, road construction, and the installation of lighting, which will be supported by grid power and include embedded cameras.

A map of the area of the proposed action is included in an attachment to this letter.

Comments should include data or information that could help inform CBP's analysis of potential impacts. Helpful comments are fact-based, include links to data or research, and provide specific information concerning potential impacts to biological, cultural, and natural resources. If known, your response should include any state and local restrictions, permitting, or other requirements that CBP should consider.

Specifically, CBP is looking for answers to the following questions:

- Are you aware of threatened or endangered plant or animal species within the area of construction? If so, where?
- Are you aware of recreational activities that take place in the area of construction?
- Are you aware of historical sites or areas of cultural significance located within the area of construction? If so, where?
- Are you aware of any studies, data, or other information available that would aid in the analysis of potential environmental impacts in the project area?
- Do you have any recommendations for practices the construction contractor should follow to avoid or minimize impacts?

CBP will be accepting comments until January 29, 2021. Comments can be emailed to CBP at YumaComments@cbp.dhs.gov. Please include “Andrade West Border Wall System” in the subject of your email. Comments received in response to this letter, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become a part of the public record.

We appreciate your feedback and help evaluating the potential impacts of this project.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Andrade West Border Wall System Project Map



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Andrade West Border Wall System Project

