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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Economic Development Agency

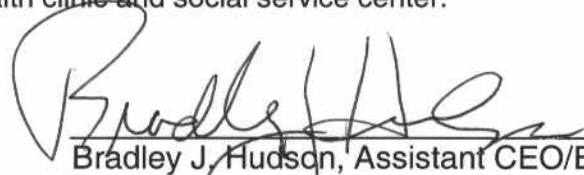
SUBMITTAL DATE: August 28, 2003

SUBJECT: Adoption of Negative Declaration for Mecca Social Service Center

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the De Minimus Findings as there is no evidence that the proposed project will have a potential or adverse effect on wildlife resources; and
2. Adopt the Negative Declaration for the environmental assessment for the construction of an approximate 25,000 square foot Mecca social service center based on the findings incorporated in the initial study and the conclusion that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and
3. Make the following findings:
 - a. The project is consistent with all the elements of the Riverside County Comprehensive General Plan and the Eastern Coachella Valley Community Plan.
 - b. The project is compatible with the present and future development of the surrounding property.
 - c. The project does not conflict with the interests of public health, safety and welfare of the community.
 - d. There is no evidence that the project will have an adverse effect on wildlife resources.
 - e. The location of the project is not based primarily on a consideration of the lower cost of acquiring land in the agricultural preserve.
 - f. There is no other land within or outside the agricultural preserve on which it is reasonably feasible to locate the Mecca public health clinic and social service center.

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Bradley J. Hudson, Assistant CEO/EDA

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FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST: \$0
NET COUNTY COST: \$0
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: N/A
COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: No
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

ANNUAL COST \$0
IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: N/A
FOR FY: 2003/04

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATIONS: APPROVE

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY CLERK

SEP 10 2003

County Executive Officer Signature:  BY: 

Department Recommendation: Consent Policy
Per Executive Office: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.
April 29, 2003 Item 4.2
March 25, 2003 Item 4.1

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ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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BACKGROUND: The Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside is currently in escrow for 30 acres in the community of Mecca, a portion of which will be set aside for social service center that will include a public health clinic. The 30 acres site is located in an agricultural preserve and pursuant to Government Code §51292, certain findings must be made and filed with the Department of Conservation. These findings are listed as 3e. and 3f. above.

A notice of intent to adopt a negative declaration was published July 30, 2003. A negative declaration has been prepared and will be filed upon adoption.

Attachments:

1. Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration
2. Initial Study
3. Proof of Publication

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Riverside County Economic Development Agency has found that the project listed below will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration documenting that finding has been completed. The Negative Declaration and accompanying initial study may be examined at the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, 44-199 Monroe Street, Suite B, Indio, CA 92201. Comments regarding the determination may be directed to the Economic Development Agency (Attention: Anna Rodriguez, Project Manager) no later than 9:00 am, August 26, 2003.

The appropriate public official or body that has the authority to approve or deny the project will consider the adoption of the Negative Declaration. Any comments received will be forwarded to the appropriate official or body and will be considered before the Negative Declaration is adopted or denied. The official or body may take action on the project any time on or after August 26, 2003. The final decision will be mailed to anyone requesting such notification.

Project Description and Location

An Initial Study, for the project titled "Mecca Public Health Clinic and Social Service Center" has been completed. The project is the construction of an approximate 25,000 square foot public health clinic and social service center on a portion of a 30 acres site located at the southwest corner of Date Palm Drive and Avenue 66 in Mecca.

Please direct all questions regarding this notice to Anna Rodriguez at (760) 863-2552.