

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

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**FROM:** Economic Development Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
December 18, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration for Thousand Palms Library

**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 Mitigated Negative Declaration for the environmental assessment for the construction of a 5,500 square foot library 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 Western Coachella Valley Community Plan;
  - b. The project is compatible with the present and future development of the surrounding property;
  - c. The project conforms to the public health, safety and welfare; and
  - d. There is no evidence that the project will have an adverse effect on wildlife resources.

BJH:RZ:BJG:RDF:JET:AER

*Rob McDonald*

Bradley J. Hudson, Assistant CEO/EDA

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>				Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 <input type="checkbox"/>
				Requires 4/5 Vote <input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature

*J. D. Morris*

Consent  
 Policy  
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 Dept's Recomm.:  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: July 2, 2003 Item 4.1  
August 23, 1994 Item 12.1

District:  
4th

Agenda Number:

**BACKGROUND:** In March 1993, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the design and construction of a community center and park for the Thousand Palms community. A library was proposed as a part of that project and was included on the original plans. However, due to limited financing, the library portion of the project was not constructed.

In order to complete the project, staff is currently seeking a grant from the California State Library, Office of Library Construction, Library Bond Act (Proposition 14). These monies, if granted, will fund 65% of construction and implementation of the library project. As a part of the State grant application submittal, a CEQA environmental assessment of the project's impact is recommended. An environmental assessment covering the community center, park and library was conducted in 1994. However, the CEQA guidelines and regulations have been significantly modified since 1994; consequently, a new CEQA environmental assessment is necessary.

A Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration was published October 25, 2003. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared and will be filed upon adoption.

Attachments:

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

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration documenting that finding has been completed. The Mitigated 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, December 2, 2003.

The appropriate public official or body that has the authority to approve or deny the project will consider the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Any comments received will be forwarded to the appropriate official or body and will be considered before the Mitigation Negative Declaration is adopted or denied. The official or body may take action on the project any time on or after December 2, 2003. The final decision will be mailed to anyone requesting such notification.

### **Project Description and Location**

An Initial Study, for the project titled "Thousand Palms Library" has been completed. The project is the construction of a 5,500 square foot public library at 31-155 Robert Road in Thousand Palms.

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