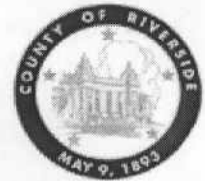


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 20, 2004

SUBJECT: Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport (Thermal) Master Plan

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors set the Master Plan and Mitigated Negative Declaration for Public Hearing.

BACKGROUND: On June 5, 2001, the Board authorized a contract with Shutt-Moen (now Mead & Hunt) for preparing an updated version of the Master Plan for Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport (previously known as Desert Resorts Regional Airport) in Thermal. The previous Master Plans were prepared in 1965 and 1990.

The Airport Master Plan presents the long-term development concept proposed for the airport both graphically (in the form of an Airport Layout Plan and other exhibits) and in a written report. The Master Plan includes the approval of an Airport Capital Improvement Program, and recommends a number of short- to mid-term airport development projects.

Departmental Concurrence

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Bradley J. Hudson
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:	

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

SOURCE OF FUNDS: FAA, Caltrans, and Airport Lessees	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

- Policy
- Consent
- Dept't Recomm.:
- Per Exec. Ofc.:

County Executive Office Signature *Bronda King*

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 5/04/04, Item 3.9 **District:** 4th **Agenda Number:** **3.8**

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The projects include the design and construction of a heliport and a heliport parking apron, the acquisition of approximately 128.5 acres in fee simple to accommodate the future extension of Runway 35, the acquisition of 8 acres for a future Runway Protection Zone at the end of Runway 17, and the design and construction of an extension of Runway 17-35 and its associated taxiways. The latter project involves the extension of Runway 17-35 from 8,500 feet to 10,000 feet, and the extension of parallel taxiways B and F to connect to both ends of the runway. The Master Plan deletes a parallel runway proposed in the 1990 Master Plan. In addition, the new Master Plan includes a site study and design for an air traffic control tower.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration includes measures to mitigate potential environmental concerns. The Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport Authority discussed the draft Master Plan during its regular meeting of May 26, 2004 and recommended approval. The Airport Land Use Commission reviewed the Master Plan and found that the projects proposed therein will not result in greater noise and safety impacts on surrounding land uses.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board set the Master Plan for Public Hearing

Financial Data:

The Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport Master Plan was financed using Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Funds, California Department of Transportation Aeronautics Match Grant Funds, and funds provided by airport tenants; the County's General Fund was not affected.