

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



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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 30, 2004

SUBJECT: Approval of the Thousand Palms Street Improvement Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors make the following findings in accordance with §33445 of the Health and Safety Code:

Departmental Concurrence

1. The proposed street improvement project, which includes Varner Road from Ramon Road to Monterey Avenue, and Monterey Avenue from Varner Road to Ramon Road, will benefit the Desert Communities Project Area (DCPA);
2. No other reasonable means of financing the project are available, as the Thousand Palms community is low-income without private interest or funding for the proposed street improvements;
3. The proposed street improvements will facilitate the elimination of physical and economic blighting conditions by the improvement of the street surfaces, improved drainage, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, bus shelters, street lighting, and landscaping; and
4. The proposed street improvement project is consistent with the Redevelopment Plan adopted for the DCPA.

BACKGROUND: (Continued on Page 2.)

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 326,300	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2004/05

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: YES

SOURCE OF FUNDS: DCPA Redevelopment Funds	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 *Bronda King*

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ **District:** 4th **Agenda Number:** _____

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BACKGROUND: (continued)

During the process of expanding the Thousand Palms Sub-Area of the Desert Communities Project Area in 1999, the Redevelopment Agency held several public meetings in the community to hear the concerns of the community and develop a priority list of future public improvement projects. One of the projects was to improve Varner Road and Monterey Avenue, both aesthetically and functionally. These two streets are the main entry points into the community and are in poor condition.

The scope of the improvement project includes widening the streets to ultimate right-of-way and installing pedestrian sidewalks, bus shelters, landscaped medians, new asphalt, new striping, curbs, gutters, monument entry signs, and decorative street lights. There is a companion item on the Board of Director's Agenda for the approval of an agreement with Albert A. Webb Associates for the design of the street improvements and the development of complete plans and specifications for the construction of the Thousand Palms Street Improvement Project.

§33445 of the Health and Safety Code provides that a Redevelopment Agency may assist in the design or development of improvements that are of benefit to the project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the project is located. Therefore, Agency staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors make the recommended findings for the Thousand Palms Street improvement project.