

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



FROM: Supervisor Roy Wilson

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 26, 2005

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List – Approval of the Thousand Palms Fire Station and Fire Technology Training Center

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors

1. Amend the CIP list to allow for the addition of the Thousand Palms Fire Station and Fire Technology Training Center Project; and
2. Authorize the Economic Development Agency to solicit qualifications for architectural and engineering services for the design of the project.

BACKGROUND: The unincorporated community of Thousand Palms has grown to the point where the existing Fire Station #35 cannot adequately serve the needs of the community. The location of Station #35 limits prompt access to response routes, and the size of the facility prevents increased staffing levels and the preferred inventory of equipment needed in Thousand Palms. Consequently, the Fire Department and EDA are proposing the construction of a new 3-bay, heavy-urban fire station on a 3.3 acre site located northeast corner of Ramon Road and Robert Road, west of the Thousand Palms Post Office.

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BACKGROUND (Continued):

In addition, EDA, the Fire Department, and the College of the Desert (COD) are proposing the construction of a 4,500 square foot Fire Technology Training Center and Drill Tower/Burn Building on the same 3.3 acre site in Thousand Palms. These facilities will be used in partnership with COD's Public Safety Academy's Fire Technology Program. This important program addresses the vital community safety need to ensure trained and skilled fire personnel in the Coachella Valley and eastern Riverside County.

The new fire station will be funded through Fire Mitigation funds. DCPA Redevelopment funds were used for the acquisition of the property and will also be used for development of the Training Center as well as off-site and on-site development costs. College of the Desert funding will be used for the Training Tower/Burn Building and other ancillary training facilities.

To expedite the process, I am recommending that the CIP list be amended to include the Thousand Palms Fire Station and Fire Technology Training Center.