

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 6, 2005

FROM: Redevelopment Agency

SUBJECT: Mecca Downtown Revitalization

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Approve in concept the revitalization of Downtown Mecca;
2. Authorize the Redevelopment Agency to Proceed with the Preliminary Planning for a new Mecca Fire Station;
3. Authorize the Redevelopment Agency to Proceed with the Preliminary Planning for a new Mecca Senior Center; and
4. Authorize the Redevelopment Agency to Proceed with Development of a Relocation Plan for Businesses and Residences.

BACKGROUND:

With community input through various Community Workshops and Community Council Meetings, the Redevelopment Agency prepared a Downtown Revitalization Study for Mecca. This study identified and defined the downtown revitalization area, and the key components needed to improve the community. One of the strongest needs expressed was for public services such as health care and public safety. With the construction of the Mecca Family Service Center and Community Health Clinic, the County has begun to

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Executive Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA: No

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Redevelopment Funds

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30
Requires 4/5 Vote

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

Lin Brandell

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

DEC 19 2005

County Executive Office Signature

BY *Lee A. Vintcent*

- Policy
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- Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4th

Agenda Number:

Background (continued):

address the Mecca community's desire for improved access to services and for the revitalization of the downtown area. The next project will be the construction of a new public library and sheriff's substation at the northeast corner of Date Palm and Avenue 66, which will commence in early 2006. In addition, the Redevelopment Agency is undertaking a street improvement project for downtown Mecca that will begin construction in the spring of 2006.

The current fire station location, which is on 4th Street, just east of Hammond Road has long been undersized for the community, and the Redevelopment Agency is proposing to use a full half block at Avenue 66 and Brown Street to build a fire station that will be able to house the station's current staff and equipment and provide space for expansion in the future. The new site is currently developed with a mobile home park, some vacant parcels and a few businesses. The proposed fire station location will be adjacent to the new library and fire station and near the new Mecca Family Service Center and Community Health Clinic, which will help to create a community services core to the Mecca Downtown. It will also allow for the demolition of substandard housing and some dilapidated commercial structures.

The Senior Center will be a new facility that will be located at the northwest corner of Date Palm and Avenue 66. The Senior Center's location will put it within walking distance of the library and the Mecca Family Service Center and Community Health Clinic and it will provide needed services to the senior citizens of the Mecca, North Shore and Oasis communities. This site is currently developed with residential units, a few businesses, and a couple of vacant lots.

Once the relocation of businesses and residences is complete, the Redevelopment Agency will be able to demolish the buildings, clear the sites and develop the new facilities that will provide much needed services to the community. The Redevelopment Agency is seeking approval in concept for the new Mecca Fire Station, the Mecca Senior Center, and the development of a Relocation Plan.

Attachment:
Mecca Downtown Revitalization Study