

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

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FROM: Redevelopment Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 27, 2006

SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement for Engineering Services, Mecca Street Improvement Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Acknowledge Stantec Consulting, Incorporated as the successor in interest for The Keith Companies, and
2. Approve and authorize a modification of the scope of services and a \$159,050 increase in the compensation regarding the Mecca Street Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Directors authorized the Agreement by and between the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside and the The Keith Companies at its December 21, 2005 meeting. Subsequently, The Keith Companies merged with Stantec Consulting Inc. Staff recommends the agreement with The Keith Companies now be assigned to Stantec Consulting Inc.

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Departmental Concurrence

Robin Zimpfer

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Executive Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 159,050	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA:

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Desert Communities Project Area Funding	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

Lora Brandt

County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 12/21/05 item 4.1 **District:** 4th **Agenda Number:**

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Background continued:

The project, developed in collaboration with Mecca Community residents, the Transportation and Land Management Agency, and RDA, consists of comprehensive street improvements to the downtown section of the Mecca community. This area is generally defined as that portion of the Mecca townsite located south of Avenue 65, north of Avenue 66, east of Lincoln Street, and west of Home Street.

The Agreement specified a scope of services that was to allow for comprehensive engineering and design services. These engineering services have provided vital information that has resulted in several significant adjustments to the project area definition and type of improvements. Staff recommends the acceptance of the adjustments to the project scope.

Specifically, those adjustments include the following:

- **Frank J. Valdovino Road**: Include the addition of comprehensive improvements along this street which serves single family homes bordered on the west by Home Street. This street was immediately adjacent to the originally defined scope but had not been included at that time. The addition of this section conforms with the initial definition of downtown Mecca. Additionally, the scope is recommended to include the extension of the numbered streets that connect to Frank J. Valdovino Road. That is defined as the east end of Second Street, Fourth Street and Fifth Street for approximately 2,700 linear feet.
- **Roundabout entry**: Include the addition of a roundabout entry to Mecca. This solution was proposed to correct the current inadequate and unsafe convergence of three streets immediately upon entering Mecca. The roundabout entry will allow for a more efficient and safe flow of traffic as well as provide a more attractive visual experience.
- **Hammond Road south of Avenue 66**: Include off-site improvements for the existing business on the corner of Hammond and Avenue 66. The business owner has committed to on-site facility improvements through a conditional use permit. The off-site improvements will provide a streamlined and complete appearance as it wraps around the current existing use instead of ending abruptly at the corner.
- **Utilities**: Include the undergrounding of electric and telephone utilities. The breadth of improvements that will be made as part of the project will facilitate the installation of underground utilities. As well as providing an efficiency of scale this element will greatly contribute to the positive appearance and therefore quality of life within the Mecca Downtown.
- **Landscaping**: Include the landscape design and construction for the Triangle Park and the Avenue 66 CVWD Pump Station. Both of these facilities are highly visible elements within the Hammond and Avenue 66 corridor. Currently, they are significantly blighted in appearance. The improvements to these sites are essential to providing an enhanced image for the Mecca Downtown.

Stantec Consulting, Inc. has agreed to the revised scope, which calls for a \$159,050 increase in the firm's compensation. County Counsel has reviewed the amendment and approved it as to form. The project is being paid for using Redevelopment Funds and there will be no impact upon the County's General Fund.