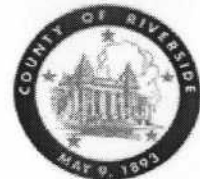


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 21, 2006

SUBJECT: Findings of No Significant Effect (FONSI) on the Environment and Intent to Request Release of Funds for the Valencia Self-Help Housing Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached environmental assessment report and FONSI for the Valencia Self-Help Housing Project based on the findings incorporated in the report and the conclusion that the project is not an action which may effect the quality of the environment;
2. Approve the attached Request for Release of Funds; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Request for Release of Funds to be included with the environmental assessment report, which will be filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (42 USC 12805) is subject to environmental review, including finding a level of clearance and requesting release of funds, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations and 24 CFR Part 58.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2006-2007

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: NO

SOURCE OF FUNDS: HUD Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program	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 *Chhler*

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dept Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
DEC 04 2006
BY: *[Signature]*
Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND (continued):

The Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) is proposing to utilize \$600,000 of HUD Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) funds to acquire and develop a 6.32-acre, 41-lot single-family home subdivision in the unincorporated community of Mecca.

CVHC received the SHOP funds through the Housing Assistance Council (HAC). The County of Riverside was designated as the "Responsible Entity" for purposes of NEPA review. The development cost of the project, including federal, state, and private funding, is expected to total \$7,435,000. The proposed development is consistent with the General Plan Use Designation. The intent of the project is to provide 41 new, home ownership opportunities to lower-income farmworker families in the eastern Coachella Valley.

Having completed the applicable review procedures outlined in 24 CFR Part 58.41, an evaluation has been made of the potential effects the project shall have on the environment. The attached documentation (form HUD-7015.15) has been prepared pursuant to 24 CFR 58. A finding has been made that the proposed project, Valencia Self-Help Housing Project, will not have a significant effect on the environment.

FINANCIAL:

The proposed funding sources for the project are as follows:

HUD Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)	\$ 600,000
Joseph Serna Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program	\$ 500,000
California Housing Finance Agency-HELP	\$ 1,539,461
Sweat Equity	\$ 793,045
USDA Section 502	<u>\$ 4,002,475</u>
TOTAL	\$ 7,434,981

ATTACHMENTS:

Request for Release of Funds and Certification, Form HUD-7015.15 (2 original copies);

Copy of Environmental Assessment