

**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:**  
May 18, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Varner Road and Monterey Avenue Street Improvement Project.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board:

1. Conduct the Public Hearing for the Environmental Assessment No. RDA/CEQA 2007-03;
2. Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. RDA/CEQA 2007-03 based on the findings incorporated in the Initial Study and the conclusion that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and
3. Approve the Varner Road and Monterey Avenue Street Improvement Project.

**BACKGROUND:** On November 22, 2004, the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside entered into an agreement with Webb & Associates for engineering services regarding street and landscaping improvements on Varner Road and Monterey Avenue in the unincorporated area of Thousand Palms, California. (Continued on Page 2)

Departmental Concurrence

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Executive Director

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	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:	2007-2008

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA:** N/A

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE  
BY: *Jennifer L. Sargent*  
Jennifer L. Sargent

**County Executive Office Signature**

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dep't Recomm.:

Per Exec. Ofc.:

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 11/22/04, 4.2, 11/30/04, 3.8

**District:** 4th

**Agenda Number:**

4.2

**BACKGROUND** (Continued): The project improves Varner Road and Monterey Avenue, both aesthetically and functionally. These two streets are the main entry points into the community and are in very poor condition. The scope of the project includes widening the streets to ultimate right-of-way and installing pedestrian sidewalks, median, new asphalt, new striping, curbs, gutters and under grounding of power poles.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project pursuant to the guidelines set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act and approve the Varner Road and Monterey Avenue Street Improvement Project.

Attachments;

1. CEQA Initial Study RDA/CEQA 2007-03
2. Mitigation & Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP)