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

**FROM:** Economic Development Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
December 26, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Mesa Verde Blythe Airport Water System Improvement Project-Specification C

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors make the following findings in accordance with Section 33445 of the Health and Safety Code:

1. The proposed Mesa Verde Blythe Airport Water System Improvement Project-Specification C will benefit the Blythe Redevelopment Project Area;
2. No other reasonable means of financing the project is available as the Mesa Verde Community is predominantly low income without private interest or funding for the proposed project;
3. The proposed project will facilitate the elimination of economic blight and provide access to the essential service of available clean water; and
4. The project is consistent with the Redevelopment Implementation plan adopted by the city of Blythe.

**BACKGROUND:** The Mesa Verde community has long suffered with a dilapidated and failing water system. A new source of water has been identified to supply the Mesa Verde water distribution system. A new well, dug in November 2007, will be used to supply water to the Mesa Verde community. The location of the new well is at the Blythe Airport on the north side of I-10. The residential neighborhoods of Mesa (Continued on Page 2)

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Deanna Lorson, Managing Director, for Robin Zimpfer,  
Executive Director

<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:	N/A

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA:** Yes

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> City of Blythe-County RDA Funds	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**County Executive Office Signature**

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: Michelle Clack 1/25/08  
DATE: 1/25/08  
MICHELLE CLACK

Dept Recomm.:  Consent  Policy   
Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** Item 3.9, 5/17/05; Item 3.3, 3/26/05; Item 3.5, 2/26/02  
**District:** 4  
**Agenda Number:**

3.13

**BACKGROUND :**

Verde lie on the south side of I-10. The Mesa Verde Blythe Airport Water System Improvement Project-Specification C will bring water from the new well to the Mesa Verde Community. The plans have been plan reviewed by the City of Blythe and County Counsel has reviewed and approved the construction specifications and bid documents.

The Mesa Verde community is an unincorporated community in Riverside County which also lies within the City of Blythe's Redevelopment Project Area No. 1, Amendment No. 4. Public projects by either the City or the County, which help combat physical or economic blight, can be funded by Blythe's Redevelopment Agency for projects that lie within its project area. Riverside County RDA is performing the project management function for these projects since a portion of the project is on the Blythe Airport, which is in Riverside County's Desert Communities Project Area. The balance of the projects is in the unincorporated community of Mesa Verde.

This project is one of several phases for the comprehensive system that includes the well on the north site of Interstate 10, a storage tank, new water lines on the south side of Interstate 10 and new pipelines to convey the water from the new well to the system on the south side of Interstate 10. The first phase was the installation of new water lines on the south side of Interstate 10. The second phase was the installation of the new well.

The complete project was conceived in 2002 and has proceeded in phases as funding has become available. The funding for the water lines on the south side of Interstate 10 was provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Utility Funds. The funding for the new well was provided by the joint County-City of Blythe Redevelopment Funds. In the early planning of this project, a mitigated negative declaration was adopted in accordance with CEQA regulations and findings were made in accordance with §33445 of the Health and Safety Code (BOS Item 3.9, May 17, 2005) for the project in its entirety. The Economic Development Agency is requesting that the Board of Supervisors also make the appropriate findings for this and all future phases of this project.

Funding for this phase of the project will be provided by the joint County-City of Blythe Redevelopment Funds.