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

FROM: Redevelopment Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
 December 26, 2007

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Make the following findings in accordance with Section 33445 of the Health and Safety Code:
 - a. The proposed Mesa Verde Blythe Airport Water System Improvement Project-Specification C will benefit the Blythe Redevelopment Project Area;
 - b. 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;
 - c. The proposed project will facilitate the elimination of economic blight and provide access to the essential service of available clean water; and
 - d. The project is consistent with the Redevelopment Implementation plan adopted by the city of Blythe; and
2. Approve the Plans and Specifications for the construction of the Mesa Verde Water System Improvements; and
3. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise the Notice of Inviting Bids for the Project.

BACKGROUND (continued on Page 2)

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

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:	N/A

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA: Yes

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

Jennifer L. Sargent

Dep't 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:

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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 can be tapped to supply water to the Mesa Verde community. The location of the new well is at the Blythe Airport, on the north site of I-10. The residential neighborhoods of Mesa 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.

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 site 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 Redevelopment Agency is requesting that the Board of Directors also make associated Redevelopment 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. The full cost of the project will be known once bids have been received. Staff recommends that the Board approve the Plans and Specifications and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise for Notice of Inviting Bids.