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



FROM: County Counsel

SUBMITTAL DATE: December 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Riverside, the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, and the City of Desert Hot Springs Concerning Amendment of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MOU)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve the attached MOU and authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute said MOU.

BACKGROUND: On October 2, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved the Final Re-circulated Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). It is anticipated that the Permittees will receive CVMSHCP approval and incidental take permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game (Wildlife Agencies) in March of next year. As you may recall, the main reason for the re-circulation of the CVMSHCP was to remove the City of Desert Hot Springs as a Permittee as Desert Hot Springs had declined to approve the CVMSHCP.

Under the leadership of a new City Manager, the City of Desert Hot Springs is now requesting that the County, the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments enter into the attached MOU to evidence the parties intent to enter into negotiations for the City to join the CVMSHCP as a permittee after the Plan has been approved by the Wildlife Agencies.

It is the understanding of staff that the County's participation in the negotiations is solely to address potential annexation requests initiated by Desert Hot Springs which may affect implementation of the CVMSHCP.

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County Counsel

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Tina Grande*
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County Executive Office Signature

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Consent
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Department Recommendation:
Per Executive Office: