

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

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SUBMITTAL DATE:
 November 26, 2008

FROM: Redevelopment Agency

SUBJECT: Rosa Avenue Sewer Line Extension Project

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 Rosa Avenue Sewer Line Extension Project is of primary benefit to the project area since Rosa Avenue is located within the project area;
 - b) No other reasonable means of financing the project are available to the community;
 - c) The proposed improvements will assist in the elimination of physical and economic blight by providing the community with an adequate, affordable, and dependable sewer line; and
 - d) The proposed improvements are consistent with the Redevelopment Implementation Plan for the Desert Communities Project Area (DCPA);
2. Approve the Rosa Avenue Sewer Line Extension Project;
3. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Installation Agreement between the Redevelopment Agency and the Coachella Valley Water District;
4. Authorize the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency or designee to administer the Agreement in accordance with Board Policy and provide change order authority for this Agreement in an amount up to 10% of the contract amount;

BACKGROUND (continued on Page 2)

Robin Zimpfer
 Robin Zimpfer, Executive Director

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	YES
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2008/2009

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA: YES

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Desert Communities Project Area Capital Improvement Funds	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

Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 1/25/05, 3.16 and 2/15/05, 9.3
District: 4th
Agenda Number:

ATTACHMENTS FILED
 WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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5. Approve the Plans and Specifications for the construction of the proposed Rosa Avenue Sewer Line Extension; and
6. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise the Notice of Inviting Bids for the construction of the Project.

BACKGROUND:

Fifteen Homes along Rosa Avenue, between Rue Marande and Cecil Street in the Thermal Sub Area of the Desert Communities Redevelopment Project Area (DCPA) do not have access to municipal sewer service. These homes are currently utilizing septic systems, which are prone to failure due to age, design, and soil conditions. Consequently, most of the septic systems in this low-income neighborhood are failing and require costly pumping and repair. Currently there are no other funding sources available to assist these homeowners to change from septic to sanitary sewer services; the cost to each owner is in excess of \$35,000. These families do not have the means to cover the cost. Failing septic systems can lead to soil and ground water contamination as well as other hazardous conditions.

The Rosa Avenue homes are in close proximity to existing Coachella Valley Water District sewer lines, such that a 1,100-foot extension will serve all 15 dwellings. The cost for these services will be paid entirely from Redevelopment Agency funds and will not impact the County's General Fund.

The CEQA requirements have been complied, and a Notice of Exemption dated March 18, 2008, will be filed for this activity upon project approval.

Health and Safety Code §33445 provides that a redevelopment agency may assist in the design or development of improvements that are of benefit to the project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the project is located. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the bid documents, and Agency staff recommends the Board approve the Rosa Avenue Sewer Line Extension Project, the Plans and Specifications, and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise Notice of Inviting Bids.

Attachments:

Installation Agreement
Notice Inviting Bids
Project Plans
Site Map